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Thomas Jefferson SAID:



We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with inherent and unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

No experiment can be more interesting than that we are now trying, which we trust will end in establishing the fact that man may be governed by reason and truth. Our first object should therefore be to leave open to him all the avenues to truth.

The God who gave us life, gave us liberty at the same time.

And shall we refuse the unhappy fugitives from distress that hospitality which the savages of the wilderness extended to our fathers arriving in this land? Shall oppressed humanity find no asylum on this globe?

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A certificate testifying to his fifty years of membership in the IBEW is presented to Frank Shapland, only living charter member of Local 230, Victoria, by International Secretary J. S. Milne, left, assisted on right by R. A. Noel, former L.U. 230 president.



IBEW members in the gun-mounting shop at the Victoria Navy Yard are, front, F. Bevis, H. Herbert, F. Rask, W. Webster and W. Barnes. In rear row are H. Lane, C. Pugh, V. T. Milburn, G. T. Hill, H. Ketchell and J. McCulloch.

THIERE is hardly anyone, anywhere, who at some time in his life has not wanted to visit England—to tread the ways of which Dickens and Thackeray wrote, and to experience the feel and the flavor of all that England is and was. Well, those who believe that they must make an ocean voyage to realize this dream are mistaken. There is a wonderful city right here on our own continent that has truly been named, "a little bit of old England," and dubbed by some "the city more English than England." We refer to charming Victoria, the capital of Canada's westernmost province, British Columbia, named for Victoria Regina herself. It is impossible to describe for our readers just all that Victoria is and in a way it is a mistake to try. Writers usually tell about it with undisguised admiration, and readers visit it with prejudice—"no place could be that perfect," but they come and see for themselves and they, like all others, are conquered by the sight and spirit of Victoria.

We got our first glimpse of Victoria from the air on a misty morning. It looked like an exquisite Delft platter with its blue waters, blue-green countryside and the blue and white Olympian mountain range over Seattle way in the distance. Then we landed

and had an opportunity to see all at close range, and it still looked like a piece of china—only this time it was English china like Spode, with the countryside and gardens of England for its pattern. There is much we want to describe for you about Victoria, but first a few words on her history.

In our Vancouver story in the January issue, we outlined for you the history of the Province of British Columbia. That history of course, is bound up with Victoria's own and to get the full picture you may want to reread that section.

The city of Victoria was born in 1843 as a Hudson's Bay fort and trading post. It was established when the entire North Pacific Coastal area was still a wilderness, inhabited only by Indians and a few trappers and traders of the Hudson Bay Company. The site was originally called Fort Camosun but as soon as the fort was built it was given its present name in honor of England's reigning queen, who ascended the throne in 1837. At an earlier date, when the fort was first planned, the Hudson Bay Company governor and committee had decided to name the proposed fort "Adelaide" in honor of the queen consort of William Fourth, then the reigning monarch, but his death





This line crew from British Columbia Electric Co. was replacing a pole when picture was made. They include R. Bennett, R. Smith, R. Armstrong, L. Stewart, E. Jackson, H. Down and S. Tanner.

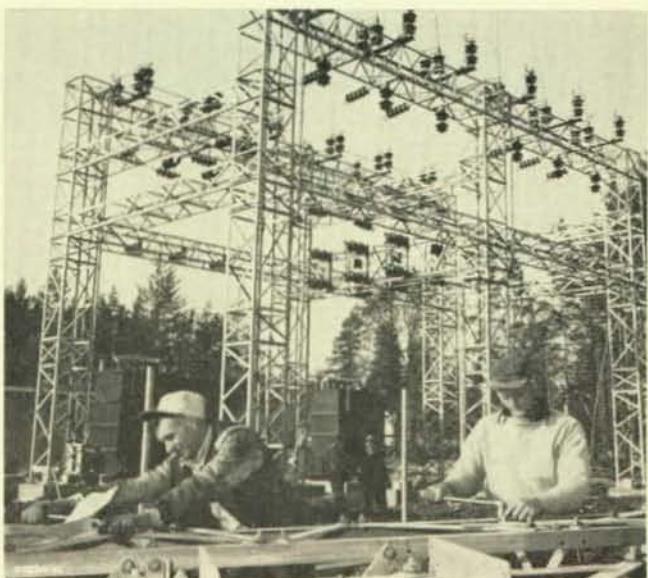
SPOTLIGHT ON VICTORIA

At the Bay Street Substation, operator Jack Walker energizes a line. Chief Operator Charles Topp talks on radio.

Emery Lalonde and Howard Horner assemble steel towers for new Langford substation under construction near city.



The statue of Queen Victoria which stands outside the Parliament Building in center of the city.



in 1837 effected a change in plans. Life in this outpost centered about the operation of the Hudson Bay Company, until 1849 when Vancouver Island was made a Crown colony by the British Government and declared open for colonization. In that year the community numbered 450 men, women and children.

The year 1858 marked the Fraser River Gold Rush and overnight Victoria was turned into a boom town of the roaring frontier variety. At that time Victoria was the only seaport in British Columbia and the settlement became the outfitting center for miners and adventurers who flocked in from California and Australia and other places seeking new fields to conquer and the road to wealth via gold prospecting. It is estimated that within a three-month period 20,000 persons came to Victoria. Right on the heels of the Fraser River flurry came the Cariboo rush and the resultant additional growth caused Victoria to be incorporated as a city in 1862, at the height of this second rush.

Today, lovely, quiet, respectable and respected Victoria is a city so controlled and well behaved that she has even been called stuffy and stodgy by a few who refuse to succumb to her charms. Its citizens are so law-abiding



The main street of Victoria about 1909 when electric service and street cars were first installed. Note the extreme height of poles, thought necessary then.



The downtown section of Victoria taken from Parliament buildings. On right is the Empress Hotel, noted as a resort spot. Mainland ships dock on the left.

that its acres and acres of green park grass never bear a "Keep Off the Grass" sign because no one would ever think of walking on it. But this is 1954. Back in 1862, when Victoria was less than 20 years old, it was a notorious boom town abounding in gin, gambling houses and girls and San Franciscans actually had the nerve to look askance at their northern neighbor and call it the "scandal of the coast." We say "had the nerve," because most of the patrons of the three g's mentioned above, journeyed from California to enjoy them. But that was a long time ago and the Victoria of today long ago lived down any wild reputation she may have acquired in her extreme youth.

The name to be remembered in connection with Victoria's pioneer

history is James Douglas, founder of the city. He was a top official in the Hudson Bay Company and he was inspired by shrewd motives when he chose the site for Fort Victoria. However, his later service to the city and province, overshadow any monetary interest he may have had at the beginning. When conflict arose between the interests of the company and the Crown, Douglas resigned from the company, and as governor of the province dedicated himself to ruling it well and to helping it to grow and develop.

It is said that Governor Douglas revelled in the beauty of the Victoria countryside. Today, in the spring, the rugged coastline of Victoria is splashed with the brilliant lemon sunshine color of Scotch broom, one of the few

spots where it may be found on this continent. Douglas brought the seeds with him from his native land and on his walks around the city, he scattered the seeds everywhere. It is a living reminder of the man who planted it and who nurtured a glorious city.

There are other highlights in Victoria's history that we want to mention before we take you on a tour of the city as it stands today.

In 1858, five newspapers and the first two books ever to be published in British Columbia found their way into print in Victoria.

In 1859 the first Parliament Buildings in Victoria were completed. These were later burned. The present Parliament Buildings were completed in 1897.

In 1865 the Royal Navy establishment at Esquimalt was created.

In 1868, the capital of the Crown Colony of British Columbia was changed from the mainland city of New Westminster to Victoria.

In 1871 British Columbia entered the Dominion of Canada and Victoria became the capital city of the most westerly Canadian province.

In 1889, an electric transit system was inaugurated in Victoria. It was the first city west of the Mississippi, the second city in Canada and third in all North America to use such a system.

In 1906 the famous Empress Hotel was built. It is the largest hotel in British Columbia and renowned the world over.

And that historical note brings us to an excellent transition point

In the office of L.U. 230, conveniently located in downtown area, member E. A. Balma pays dues to Betty Graham, office secretary.



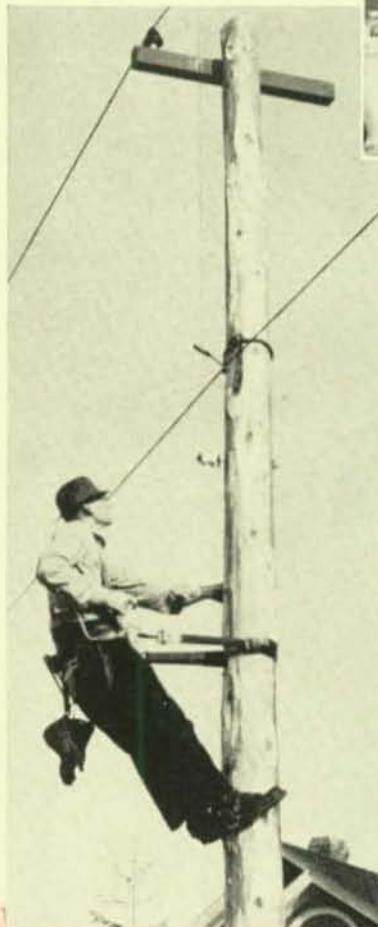
to begin to tell you about the Victoria of today. Every visitor to Victoria wants to stop at her famed Empress Hotel. This massive stone building clothed in a mantle of green ivy and surrounded by a 10-acre plot of lush gardens, overlooks the calm waters of Victoria's inner harbor. Its parlors are spacious and elegant, like something out of Buckingham Palace. Every afternoon in those parlors, small tables are whisked out—covered in snowy linen and shining silver and the ritual that is tea time at the Empress begins, to the accompaniment of a soft stringed orchestra. And the visitor who only a few hours before has been battling crowds in Seattle's or Vancouver's airports, finds himself in a tranquil world where drinking tea and eating delicious crumpets and scones is the most important business at hand—at least for the moment.

The Empress has other joys which other hotels have forgotten in the hurly-burly of life—rose gardens and a gorgeous conservatory and small fireplaces in its bedrooms.

While stopping at the Empress then, one can make plans for seeing and enjoying all Victoria has to offer. To begin with, the climate of Victoria is ideal—it enjoys the mildest winter temperature of any Canadian City and the least rainfall of any city on the North Pacific Coast.

Right: H. Hetherington and W. Fulton, L.U. 230, thread conduit at new laboratory going up at the Navy Yard.

Below: Lineman Elmer Lee drills pole for bolt as he prepares to install secondary rack on the pole.



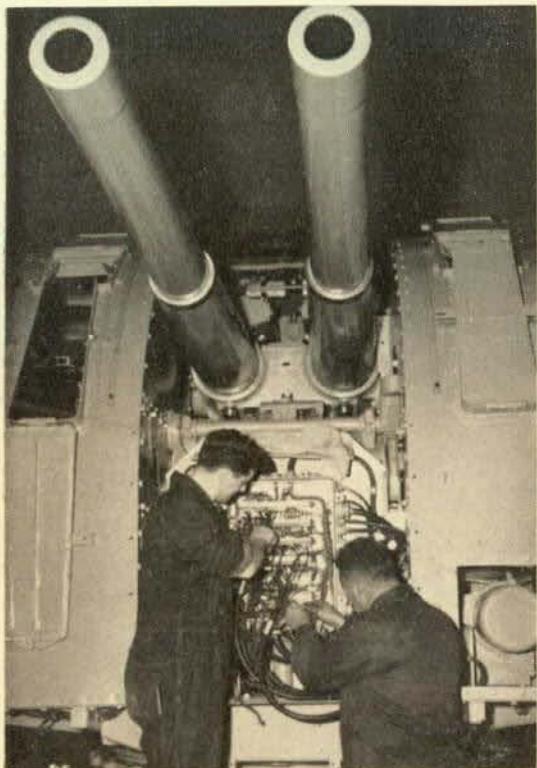
Victoria, in spite of her air of tranquil peace is a modern city and her population exceeds 115,000. At first glimpse, visitors can see that Victoria is "different." Here are some of the things which make her "different" and very interesting. To begin with, lamp posts in Victoria are hung with flower baskets, which bloom in radiant perfection from May till October—a phenomenon which is Victoria's own and found no where else in the world. And those flower baskets are just the prelude for the exquisite gardens to be seen in the city, for as one wagster put it "Victoria is the biggest gardening project since Eden shut down."

And speaking of gardens, one of Victoria's loveliest and most



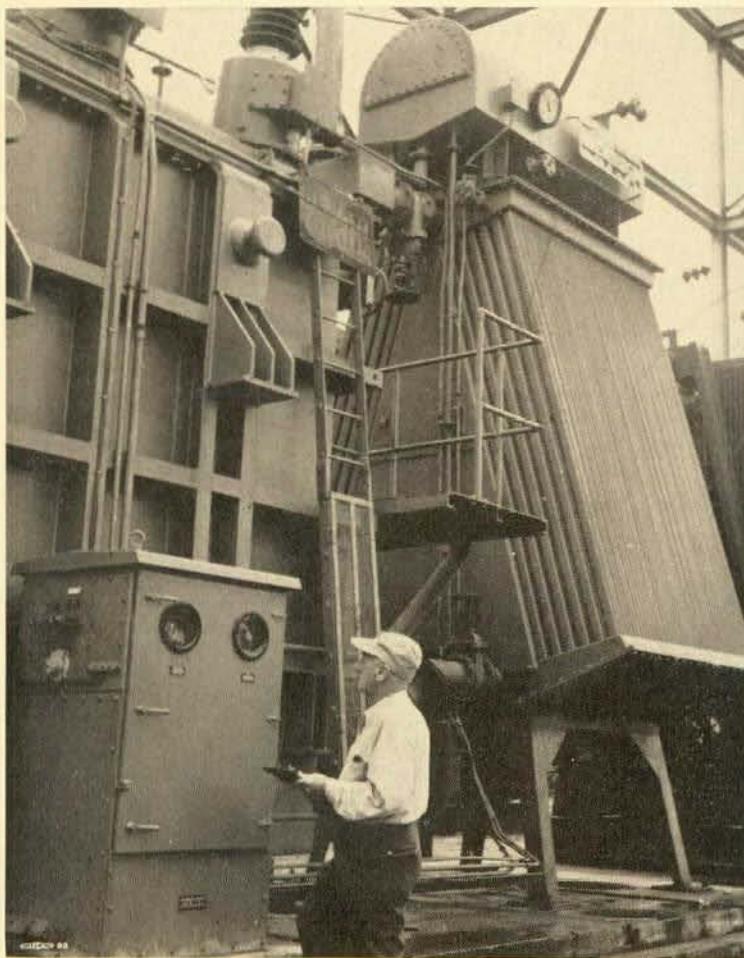
The Electric Shop crew at the Victoria Navy Yard includes
 J. Ackers, E. Brown, R. McRae, R. Etches, W. Harper, W. Charlton, S. Brookner, T. G. Cheston, A. Ritz, R. Veller, N. Pugh, Ken Hill, F. Bevis, P. Hill, W. Noel, C. Kilvington, A. Czarnechi, A. Dougherty, A. Rhodes, W. Whitford, W. Boniface, J. Spriggs, and D. Stevens.

Right: Looking southwest across the inner harbor toward the Parliament Buildings. The large ship at dock brings summer tourists.



Herbert Lane and Howard Ketchell are at work on fire control system of a twin-mounted 4-inch dual purpose gun in gun shop of Victoria Royal Canadian Navy Dockyard.

Below: Bro. Jim Brown is taking temperature readings of new Hackbridge transformer newly installed at Bay Street Sub.



famous attractions is her Butchart's Gardens, renowned the world over. These cover 20 acres and the story of their development is most interesting.

Robert Butchart was the president and managing director of a large cement company, located near an abandoned limestone quarry. Mrs. Butchart used to look from her bedroom window out on the desolate quarry and on the dumpings of poor cement there and she resolved to cover up the stark ugliness with beauty. She solicited her husband's help and together they created as lovely a garden spot as can be found on the North American continent. Into the quarry Mr. and Mrs. Butchart brought tons of loam and planted thousands of trees, shrubs and plants, many of them imported from every corner of the world. Today, years later, Sunken Gardens, Japanese, English Rose, Star Gardens and Italian Gardens, all kept up by master gardeners, are waiting to enthrall sightseers with their sheer beauty.

Every visitor to Victoria will want to visit the Parliament Buildings, see the Connaught Library, Natural History Museum, Mineral Exhibits and excellent Archives collection.

This Archives Collection especially interested us, for it exemplified in very beautiful and finished form, what we hope to do someday with our own Brotherhood Archives Collection.

Any person who spends a little time in Victoria's Archives among

Below: A night view of the parliament building decorated with strands of electric bulbs which outline its architecture in brilliant light.



Bro. Dick Muirhead needs but a few moments to replace a faulty meter.



the gradually increasing accumulation of papers, pictures and mementoes, soon learns that the names associated with Western Canadian history are not merely names but personalities. For example one can read in a history book that the Fraser River was named for Simon Fraser, the first white man to fight his way down its perilous unknown length in a canoe. But viewing in the Archives Collection housed in the

At the Langford substation under A. F. Ritz and T. G. Cheston repair an alter-
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Parliament Buildings, the big green and gold teacup from which he drank, the watch chain he used, braided from the brown-gold hair of his wife, his mother's little writing desk which he also employed, make us feel we know the man—that he was not just a legendary character out of the shadowy pages of history.

A short block from the Parliament Buildings is Thunderbird Park which contains the finest specimens of Indian totem poles and other carvings collected from all parts of the Province.

The all-glass Crystal Garden nearby also holds great attraction for visitors. It contains the largest warm salt-water pool under glass on the continent.

Marine Drive, Malahat Drive and Beacon Hill park are sites of scenic beauty all will enjoy.

Those with an interest in science will enjoy a visit to the Dominion Government Astrophysical Observatory which contains one of the largest telescopes in the world.

These are just some of the many attractions which bring more than half a million tourists to Victoria annually. But let us assure you that Victoria is far from a mere resort city, as our Electrical Workers who live and work there can tell you. In recalling that Victoria is one of the most desirable

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Our Debt to the Electrical Industry

As members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, we have a pretty fine history. We like to believe, and it is true, that we have been a prime force in building the electrical industry on the North American Continent. Recently our industry passed another milestone. The electric light and power segment added its fifty-millionth customer. Consumption of electricity is at record peak and still rising. And here are some other outstanding facts. Ninety-three percent of the nation's farms now have electricity. In 1929, before the depression, the average household had about 19 electrical appliances. It is almost unbelievable, but today many a home owner has 50 at work.

Now since the IBEW has played a most important role in the creation of the electrical era in which we live, it has also incurred responsibilities.

It seems to me that the most important thing that labor, together with the cooperation of management, can do to continue to build the electrical industry, is to see that a sufficient number of men are trained and trained adequately, to handle electricity today, and in the years ahead, and to handle it for the greatest efficiency and safety of the public we serve and on whom we depend for our livelihood.

Thus we stress here on the pages of your JOURNAL the importance of apprenticeship training, and we urge the setting up of more joint committees, and we appeal for real active interest in these committees and their work.

We of the Electrical Workers have come to realize many things in recent years. While from our very inception as a union, we developed training programs for our members to protect life and limb, more recently we have become acutely aware of other factors vitally concerned with adequate training. We know that trained men produce more and waste less. Our employers know it too, and if a man can really produce, and enable his employer to make a decent profit, the employer is not as apt to quibble over what we term an adequate wage.

The officers and many of the members of the IBEW know that sooner or later in the economic scheme

of things as they are today, that wage increases are going to have to come out of increased production. Let us all, in every segment of our Brotherhood—construction, utility, manufacturing, railroad, communications—do everything in our power to have all members trained to the best of our ability, and their ability, so that they can perform their work efficiently and safely and well.

This we owe to the electrical industry. This we owe to ourselves in order that we may reap the full benefits from this great electrical industry which we have done so much to build.

About the Puerto Rican Affair

An event occurred in the Congress of the United States a few weeks ago which was a shocking and terrifying thing. We refer to the fusillade which took place in the House of Representatives, in which four Puerto Ricans were involved and five of our Congressmen were shot and wounded. Every citizen in our nation had a right to be excited and incensed that such danger came to the persons whom we elected to represent us in the legislative halls of our nation.

But there is a dangerous aftermath of injustice being perpetrated by honest, well-meaning citizens of these United States. Too many are prone to condemn the whole country of Puerto Rico, its Government and all its citizens for a crime committed by a few. It is an American failing that we are quick to condemn and to "tar all with the same stick." Too many persons are heard to heap condemnation on the heads of all Puerto Ricans indiscriminately these days, and that is just about as sensible as condemning every pet dog in the country because one mad dog has bitten someone.

The Nationalist movement in Puerto Rico is about as insane a movement as could exist today anywhere in the world. But remember this—in all Puerto Rico, a nation of some two and a half million people, there

are only 500 Nationalist fanatics. On the whole, the Puerto Rican people are decent, useful, law-abiding citizens who are yearly raising their own standards little by little, and who, far from unhappy in their relationship to the United States, prefer the current situation to independence. These people were shocked and saddened by the unfortunate shooting in the House of Representatives, even as we were, and sent their Governor to the United States to say so. Let us remember this and not condemn the millions for the deeds of the misguided few.

About Unemployment

Far be it from us to be prophets of doom, but the unemployment situation as it exists in our country today is serious and should be dealt with at once. We are disturbed that our Government apparently is taking so unconcerned an attitude toward it.

A few weeks ago, the city of Detroit was designated as a distressed labor area, and so were 50 other communities.

"I wouldn't worry about Detroit—come spring it's going to be all right," was Defense Secretary Charles Wilson's reaction to the announcement.

Henry Ford II says that unemployment in Detroit, "Doesn't amount to a hill of beans."

It's pretty easy for men with millions salted away to treat such a situation lightly. Unemployment is a matter of a few statistics to them. But statistics when they are unemployed, can get pretty hungry, and we happen to have three million statistics who are either hungry right now, or worried for fear they are going to be before very long when their limited resources run out.

President Eisenhower took off for a little vacation recently, with the cheerful comment that if things didn't improve in March, the Government would have to do something about the situation.

Well, the situation hasn't improved, and it is our advice and that of all organized labor, that the Government had better get busy "but quick" in the common vernacular.

The A.F. of L. Executive Council has some pretty sound ideas and practical suggestions which it formulated at its recent winter meet and which it presented to the President. Some of the liberal Congressmen and Senators on Capitol Hill have had some constructive plans to offer also. We only hope the President will look at them, see their worth and put them into effect before it is too late and we are thrown into a real economic crisis.

Thoughts on Partisanship

We rejoice in the fact that our country is a democracy. We rejoice in the fact that we live in a two-party nation and that we have freedom—freedom of life and thought and of speech. But it seems to us that in recent months we have had some actions

on political fronts, that while we cannot perhaps say are violations of the right of free speech, they do it, and the cause of freedom great harm. No nation, no party is perfect, and the very conception of democracy must embrace tolerance and a willingness to believe that the mistakes of those who hold opposite views and opinions from ours, are not always either deliberate, vicious acts taken to undermine the country, or inexcusable ignorance and irresponsibility.

Along these lines Democrats have erred and Republicans have erred. It is not quite fair for the Democratic party for 20 years to try to pin the entire blame for the great depression completely on Mr. Hoover and his cohorts as if he deliberately planned it and wanted it. This wasn't exactly cricket. By the same token, the Republicans of today who try to label the efforts of the Democrats in office from 1932 to 1952 as "Twenty Years of Treason," who try to imply that the Truman Administration deliberately sought to send American soldiers to die in Korea and tried to lose the war, are doing a dangerous and despicable thing.

Fortunately, the vast majority of the American people are not nitwits. They are thinking people. They know that neither the Democratic party nor the Republican Party is all good or all bad. They both have their virtues as well as their faults, and basically they are both patriotic segments of our population which want what is good and prosperous for the American people, although they may both take many detours before arriving at their objective.

And so we appeal, here in the pages of our JOURNAL to our own people, Democrats and Republicans alike, to recognize the limits of partisanship, and to stop their mudslinging. After all, when you get right down to it, this country belongs to all of us and we have the responsibility to guide and protect it and pass it on a little better, not worse than we received it. This calls for teamwork, and for Democrats and Republicans and Independents expending all their efforts toward this end and not dissipating those efforts in sniping and name-calling.

Interesting Financial Note

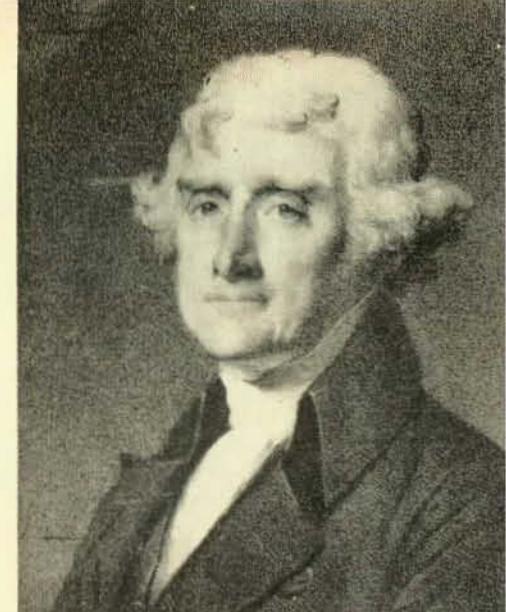
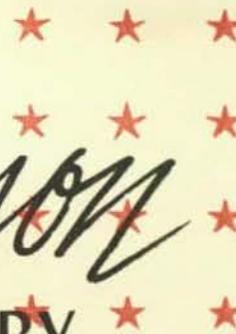
Recently an interesting financial report was filed with the Clerk of the House of Representatives. Here's the astounding thing it revealed. It seems that four families—the Rockefellers, Du Ponts, Pews and Mellons contributed \$259,275 during the 1952 political campaign. And here's an even more interesting note, although a discouraging one. That sum, contributed by just four families, among many thousands universally conceded to be "on the opposite side" from labor people, was \$10,017.08 more than the entire amount spent by Labor's League for Political Education, to help its friends in campaigns.

Thought provoking, isn't it? We hope it's thought provoking enough to make every one of our members sit down now—right now—and send a dollar to Labor's League.



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Jefferson STORY



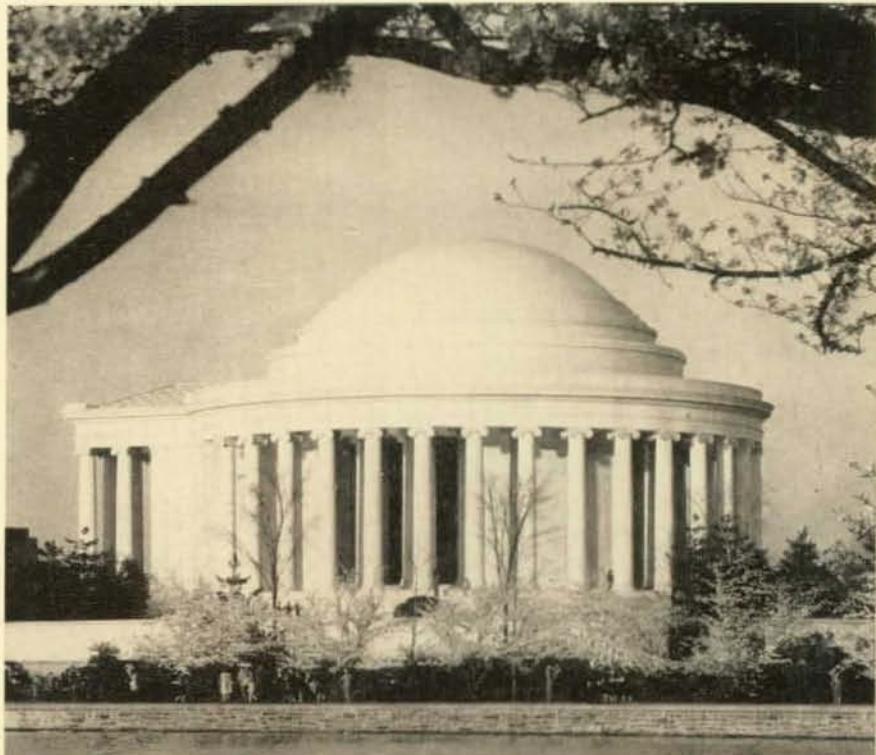
Jefferson, father of the Declaration of Independence, was one of the leading figures of the Revolution and is known as one of our greatest liberals.

IN Washington it will soon be time for annual flocks of tourists to descend upon the city like the faithful swallows at Capistrano. And one of the chief objects of this visitation will be the white marble Jefferson Memorial on the south rim of the Tidal Basin.

Dedicated April 13, 1943 on the 200th Anniversary of the birth of Thomas Jefferson at a time when the United States was again involved in a war to preserve "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," this memorial to the author of the Declaration of Independence from that time forward became one of the most popular of American patriotic shrines.

The building itself, a modification of the design of John Russell Pope, completes L'Enfant's plan of a five-pointed composition for the central area of the Federal city, with the Capitol, Washington Monument, White House and Lincoln Memorial occupying the four other major sites. Made of material from 30 states, the Jefferson Memorial is a circular edifice resembling the Pantheon at Rome, which Jefferson admired, and is enclosed by a colonnade of marble columns. On the low pediment of the portico on the north face of the memorial is a sculptured group showing Thomas Jefferson reading a draft of the Declaration of Independence to other members of the committee appointed with him to draw up the Declaration.

Inside the memorial stands Rudolph Evans' 19-foot bronze (a



The Jefferson Memorial on the Tidal Basin in Washington, D. C. Built just before World War II, it is of white marble with a rotunda 80 feet across housing a heroic statue of Jefferson and surrounded by columns 41 feet in height. In the spring it is beautified by the world-famous cherry blossoms.

plaster model was substituted during World War II) portrait-statue of Thomas Jefferson as he addressed the Continental Congress. Standing here before the life-like statue of the "Patriarch of the Revolution," visitors, while not feeling the actual presence of the

man, are over-awed with a sudden sense of the powerful influence which he had on the shaping of the American way of life.

Around the inside walls are words carved in stone which Thomas Jefferson engraved forever in the mind of man. The stirring

Monticello, Jefferson's home, near Charlottesville, Va. Here he retired from public service as Secretary of State in 1793 after forcing through his cherished constitutional amendments—the Bill of Rights.



words of the *Declaration of Independence*, familiar to all patriots, are here, as well as those from his *Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom*, "Almighty God hath created the mind free." Words from his *Notes on Virginia* ring out against slavery, "Commerce between master and slave is despotism." And he reminds lawmakers, "Laws and institutions must go hand in hand with the progress of the human mind."

The author of these words was one of the men who molded a young country, carefully and patiently as a potter creates a vase of beauty from the unformed clay in his hands. And fittingly the United States government has erected a monument to the memory of this man and to the living spirit of his principles.

Thomas Jefferson is revered by each American as the author of the Declaration of Independence and as the third President of the United States. He is honored in the annals of history as a champion of all forms of freedom. Men of literature praise his style and his mastery of the English language. Those who know architecture admire his design of the University of Virginia, the state capitol at Richmond and his own home, Monticello. He was a lawyer and a lawmaker. Men of science claim him in their ranks. He was an inventor, a surveyor and a farmer. He knew music and played the violin. The range of his reading was gigantic. He was at home in

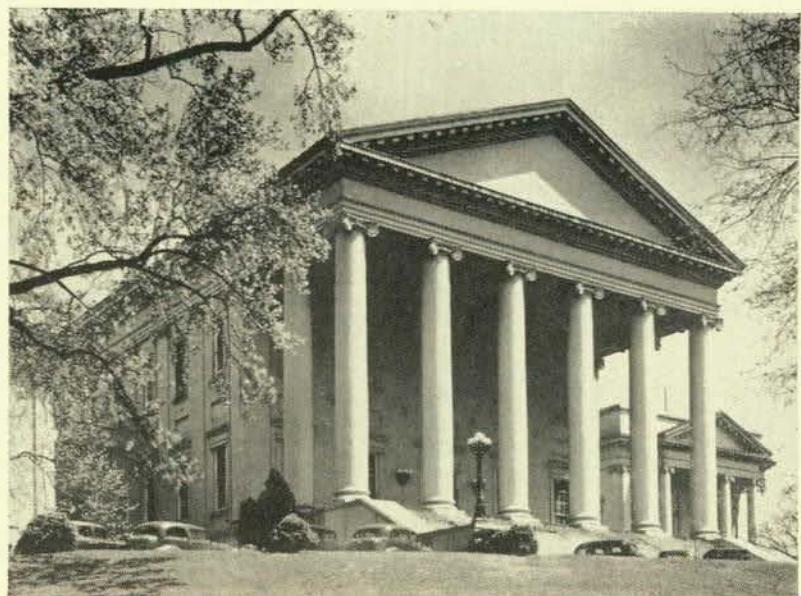


The drafting of the Declaration of Independence, from a contemporary artist, shows Franklin, Jefferson, Adams, Livingston and Sherman in talk.

classical and modern languages. He was called the "first American connoisseur and patron of the arts." He was, in fact, a man whom God had gifted so generously that his genius seemingly knew no bounds.

For this reason, it would be impossible in a short space to explore all the facets of Jefferson's personality. Here in the JOURNAL this month we have outlined his story to give some insight into his personal life with emphasis on his contributions as patriot, statesman and champion of freedom.

Born April 13, 1743 at "Shadwell" in Goochland (now Albemarle) County, Virginia, he was the third child of Peter Jefferson, a surveyor who became burgess and county lieutenant, and Jane Randolph Jefferson, whose family was perhaps the most distinguished in Virginia. At the age of 14, Thomas inherited his father's 2,750 acres together with an established position in his community. (Throughout most of his adult life, Jefferson was the owner of about 10,000 acres but never entirely rid himself of the huge debt attached



The Virginia state capitol in Richmond was designed by Jefferson. It features the Ionic columns he favored and which were therefore chosen for his memorial. He also served two terms as governor of Virginia.

to holdings acquired from his father-in-law.)

Entering the College of William and Mary in 1760, he was introduced to the table of Governor Fauquier, where he often spent pleasant evenings in exhilarating conversation with the Governor, Dr. Smith, professor of mathematics, Dr. William Small, professor of natural philosophy and mathematics, and George Wythe, professor of law and foremost jurist of Virginia. At the same time, with the youths of his age and station he apparently was a gay companion. At this period in his life he was described as a "tall loose-jointed, sandy-haired, and freckled" young man who was a skilled horseman, liked to play the violin and dance with belles of Williamsburg. And it was then too that he

experienced the pangs of unrequited love.

But nothing could interrupt his studies and at the age of 24 he was admitted to the bar, after five years preparation under his friend, George Wythe. Thomas Jefferson was now one of the richest young bachelors as well as one of the most learned men in Virginia.

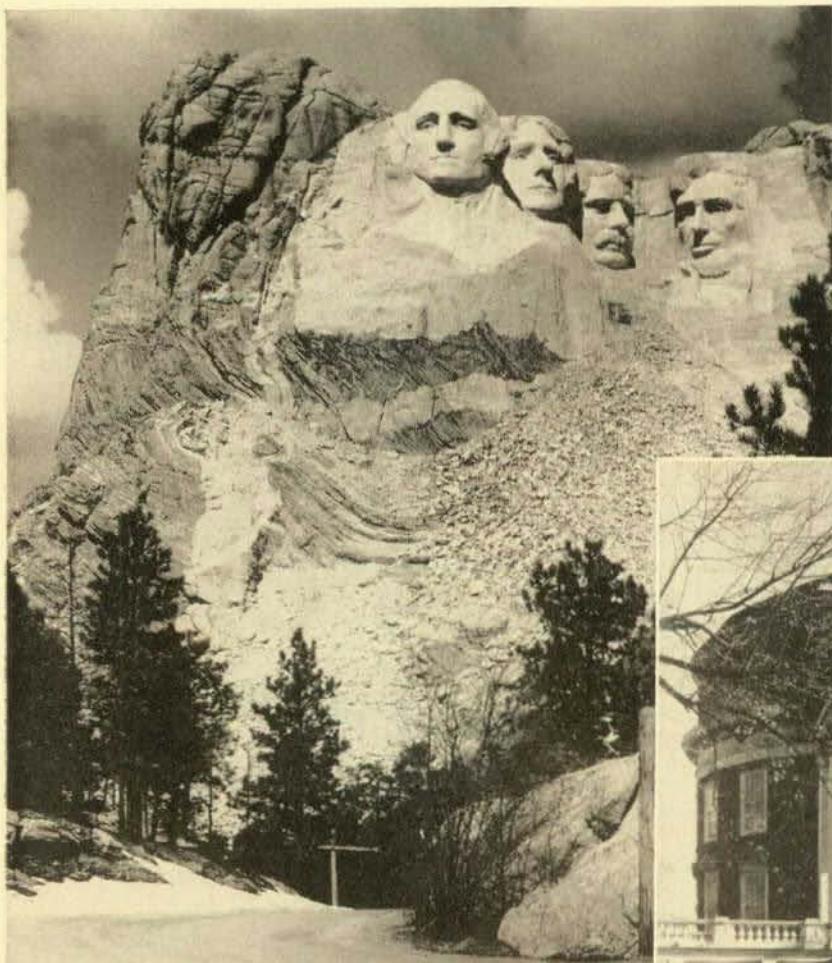
In 1770 he fell in love again, this time with Martha Wayles Skelton, a high-spirited, educated, beautiful and wealthy young widow. Jefferson won her with his shy manner and the two were married January 1, 1772 and took up residence at Monticello, on the hilltop which was the highest summit of Jefferson's estate and on which he was to build his famous home. Here the Jeffersons enjoyed a happy married life in devotion to each

other and in the busy life of their plantation. (Of their six children, three died in infancy, and only two, Martha and Mary reached maturity.)

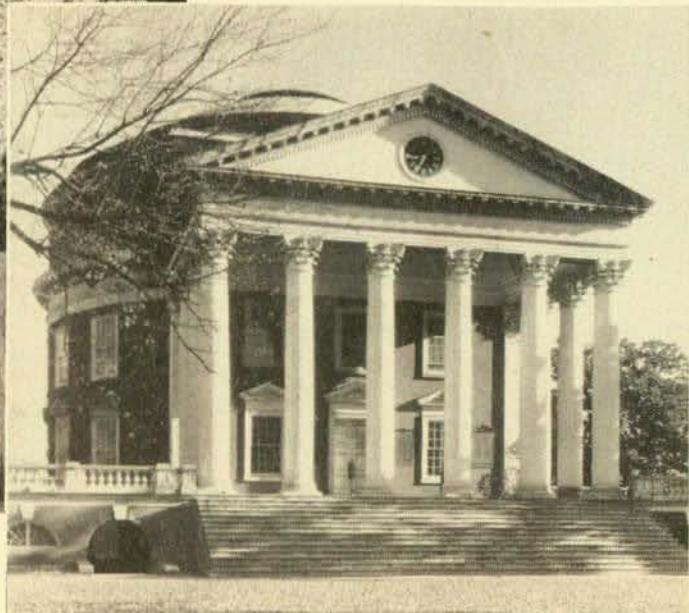
Together with the care and running of the plantation, which included looking after from 100 to 200 slaves (though Jefferson did not believe in slavery, at this time there was no status which a freed slave could occupy), Jefferson maintained his law practice and pursued his political career. He served as a member of the Virginia House of Burgesses from May, 1769 until it ceased to function in 1775.

At a time when the colonies were seething with resentment against English tyranny, Jefferson won immediate fame when his "Instructions" which he sent to the Williamsburg Convention of 1774 were printed in pamphlet form as "A Summary View of the Rights of British America." In these pages Jefferson spoke boldly for freedom which is man's by right when he addressed the English king: "The God who gave us life gave us liberty at the same time: the hand of force may destroy, but cannot disjoin them. This, sire, is our last, our determined resolution." The pamphlet found its way to London where Edmund Burke saw the unassailable truth of Jefferson's argu-

★ The University of Virginia, founded by Jefferson, was the result of his passion for liberal ways of thought.



Mount Rushmore Memorial. With Washington, Theodore Roosevelt and Lincoln, Jefferson is honored as one of the outstanding figures in U.S. history.



ments and added his eloquence to their logic; the British Parliament put Thomas Jefferson's name on a bill of attainder for proscription.

The year 1775 found Jefferson serving as alternate delegate with Peyton Randolph to the Continental Congress. Another year found the delegates returned again to Philadelphia where on June 7, 1776 Richard Henry Lee thrust before the men of history assembled in this Congress a resolution for vote which began: "That these United Colonies are and of right ought to be free and independent states . . ."

Then Thomas Jefferson was appointed to the task which was to win him immortality. With John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Roger Sherman, and Robert R. Livingston (the group pictured on the pediment of the Jefferson Memorial) he was chosen to draw up a Declaration of Independence.

In a small second floor parlor of the house on Market Street where he had lodgings, Thomas Jefferson, the patriot, statesman, and literary stylist sat for 17 days writing with infinite care the draft of the Declaration of Independence, submitting it to Franklin and Adams for their suggestions.

In the majestic phrases of this composition, Thomas Jefferson had refined the principles of democracy until they were like taut strings just ready for the master's bow, and he had polished words with great patience to shape a smooth, resonant sounding board, so that the Declaration of Independence was a beautiful instrument which would put voice to the American mind which had already resolved to fight for independence.

The Congress over, Jefferson returned home to serve in the Virginia House of Delegates from 1776 until 1779, and in helping to form a constitution for the state of Virginia, he was responsible for such reforms as the abolishment of the principle of primogeniture and the establishment of the freedom of religion. Then in June, 1779 he succeeded Patrick Henry as Governor of Virginia.

At the end of his term he retired to Monticello, but when his

President Tracy Resigns

AS YOUR JOURNAL went to press, the International Executive Council of our Brotherhood was in session at its quarterly meeting in Miami, Florida. On March 16, International President D. W. Tracy, presented to the Executive Council his resignation, effective April 15.

The Executive Council accepted Mr. Tracy's resignation with regret, and immediately took action to make him President Emeritus. Following this the Council elected J. Scott Milne, now serving as International Secretary, to head the IBEW as its new International President. The Council will meet in Washington, D. C. on April 15 to reconfirm its action, in accordance with the laws of the IBEW Constitution.

After his election to the office of International President by the Council, Mr. Milne announced that he would appoint Joseph D. Keenan, a member of L.U. 134, and at present Secretary-Treasurer of the AFL Building Trades Department, to succeed him in the office of International Secretary also effective April 15.

International President D. W. Tracy has served our Brotherhood in an official capacity for more than 40 years, 14 of these years in the position of International President. As he leaves his office, he can feel a justifiable sense of pride, since our Brotherhood is at its peak and has the highest membership in its history.

Next month your JOURNAL will include pictures and biographical data and a more complete story of the changes incurred at the International Office.

young wife died in 1782, he gave vent to such wild sorrow, keeping to himself for months, that friends lured him back into public life where he could take his mind from his grief. He served as delegate to Congress for a time, and then sailed for Europe with his daughter, Martha, where he assisted Franklin and Adams in negotiating treaties of commerce. When he became minister to France in 1785 he immediately endeared himself to the French people by his remark when asked if he replaced the beloved Dr. Franklin, that "No one can replace him, sir; I am only his successor."

Meanwhile, back home, a national Constitution, the work of little James Madison was facing public debate. And it was the author of the Declaration of Independence who, after reading a draft of the new Constitution and approving it on the whole, wrote to Madison from his post in Paris: "Let me add that a bill of rights

is what the people are entitled to against every government on earth, general or particular, and what no just government should refuse, or rest on inferences." The Bill of Rights was ratified by Congress December 15, 1791 and Jefferson's final opinion of the Constitution was that it was "unquestionably the wisest ever yet presented to men."

At the appointment of President Washington, Jefferson became the first Secretary of State under the Constitution where he headed the group which opposed the Hamiltonian Federalists and became champion of the common people. He was happy to resign, however, in December, 1793 and order his carriage up the winding road to Monticello. But again, through the urging of James Madison and other friends, he was enticed back into the political arena, and the result was his election as Vice President in 1796.

Then on February 17, 1801, after the nation had experienced a

bitter campaign between Federalist and Republican, Thomas Jefferson was elected third President of the United States.

During his administration taxes were repealed, public debt provided for and sinecures abolished. The crowning act of his administration was the purchase of the nearly 1,000,000 square mile Louisiana Territory from Napoleon Bonaparte, which for the sum of \$15,000,000 at once removed a foreign power from the back yard of the fast growing United States and doubled its territory.

With public duties to his country fulfilled, he turned to the haven of Monticello to spend his last years with his one remaining daughter and his grandchildren. Always active, from his hilltop retreat he acted as adviser to both James Madison and James Monroe, wrote volumes of letters, and kept up a classic correspondence with his old rival, John Adams. His beloved books, sold in 1814 to the Library of Congress to pay accumulated debts, formed the basis of that organization. In 1819 he founded the University of Virginia and became its first rector.

On the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, while the nation gaily celebrated its birthday, and in Quincy, Massachusetts old John Adams was breathing his last, the "Sage of Monticello," now in his 94th year, passed quietly away. Before he died, he had written his own epitaph which marks his grave at Monticello: "Here was buried Thomas Jefferson, Author of the Declaration of Independence, of the Statute of Virginia for Religious Freedom and Father of the University of Virginia." These are the things for which he wished to be remembered.

His memorial here in Washington, visited by millions every year, shows that he is indeed remembered for these achievements and for many others and that as James Madison said: "he lives and will live in the memory and gratitude of the wise and good, as a luminary of science, as a votary of liberty, as a model of patriotism, and as a benefactor of human kind."

This is My Pet



Secretary Milne with "Boh" and "Toddy"

IN visits to local unions all over our Brotherhood, I note that most of our people have stories to tell about their families and their pets. Americans are known for their fondness for animals, and our members are certainly no exception. Many of them have unusual pets, and others usual ones, who are unusual in their ability or habits. Because animals have so much appeal to our people, we'd like to write about them in our JOURNAL. I wouldn't ask you to do what I wouldn't do myself, so here are my pets.

"Toddy" is our taffy-colored Persian cat, which we bought as a birthday gift for our younger son, 13 years ago. While he is old now, he is still very beautiful. He continues to be alert and intelligent and very affectionate.

"Mr. Boh" is a relatively new acquisition. He's six months old and full of vim, vigor and vitality and a goodly sprinkling of the "old Ned." He's a mongrel whom we acquired to fill the void left when our beloved little "Jinx," who had been a part of our family for 11 years, was run over by an automobile last fall.

No dog could get into much more trouble than "Mr. Boh." In a single day last week, he chewed up one of my slippers and a pair of my wife's gloves, ripped up a strip of linoleum from the kitchen which we can't match anywhere, upset a vase of flowers spilling water all over everything, and chewed a hole in the dining room rug. But after all his mischief, he lays his head against my knee and licks my hand and it would take a harder heart than mine not to forgive and forget.

These are my pets. Write me about yours and send a picture. We think our JOURNAL readers would enjoy a series on the pets of our members.

New AT THE I.O. Developments

IBEW employees at key punch machine operations include Robert Ramey, Catherine Sinclair, Nora Mason, Jonnie Millinder, Lillian McIntosh, Ann Simmons and Ruth Longhorn in offices of I.O.



Nora Mason at a key punch machine puts a new local on the tabulating cards. Accuracy here is very important.

Below: Another view of Nora Mason at machine with other members of tabulating staff at work in the busy room.



SEVERAL years ago on the pages of your JOURNAL, we brought you a series of illustrated articles entitled "Know Your I.O.," which were intended to bring our members the story of the work performed at the International Office and the relationship which exists between our office, and our locals and members. We also promised to keep you up to date on changes in office procedure as they occur at the I.O.

At present a change of considerable proportions and importance is underway in the record-keeping sections at headquarters. You will see on these pages pictures of a number of our employes operating modern business machines. They were taken in the new offices set up in the I.O. for our "Tabulating Department."

Three years ago, several pieces of mechanized accounting equipment were purchased, in order to simplify the making of actuarial studies concerning our pension and death benefit plans, required by law, and also very necessary to



Charles George works a collator and reproducing punch device.



Catherine Sinclair puts cards into an interpreter.

us in the efficient operation of our business. The vast detail necessary in these extensive studies certainly encourages use of the most modern and efficient methods and equipment.

Tabulating equipment like that pictured here, is designed to expedite volume record keeping. After working with our new machines for some time in our actuarial studies, it was determined that this rapid accounting method could be adopted to our dues accounting and would offer decided advantages to both the International Office and to our local unions. Advantages to the I.O. would accrue because it would speed up work processes at our office and create a better way of keeping an up-to-date posted membership record for the use of the International Secretary. The local unions would benefit because once all our local records are adapted to the machines, we will be able to process reports more quickly, and by furnishing our locals with journal sheets partially completed, the work of financial secretaries and their assistants will be lightened considerably. This is no minor consideration when we realize that in many locals the work of the financial secretary is a "labor of love," performed without compensation and done at night after he has worked his regular eight-hour day.

Our system is a standard medium which we believe is readily adaptable to the records of our local unions of all sizes, whether they be large manufacturing locals or locals of very limited membership. We feel that our new system will be a real boon to locals that have no office staffs to keep records, for our journal sheets supplied to locals make a convenient, ready, cash record that can save the financial secretary hours of laborious work.

By now our readers are asking, just how does this system work? What locals have it now? When will we get it? We'll answer those questions.

The first locals to which our new system was adapted, were in the State of New Jersey. We began there chiefly because of the proximity of these locals to our home office but also because every type of local was to be found there with memberships of various sizes. The first local whose dues accounting was put on our tabulating machines was L.U. 1350, Trenton, New Jersey. Since that time, with a very limited staff, we have installed the system in some 200 local unions.

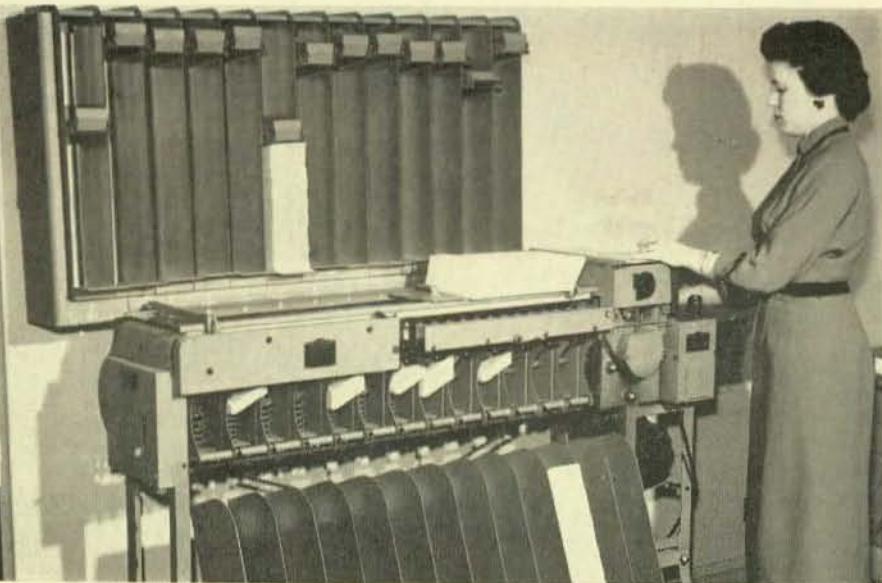
It is the International Secretary's plan to put this system into effect in all our 1700 local unions. It is our hope that in most instances, a member of the Secretary's staff will visit the financial

secretary of each local and aid him in the actual conversion to our tabulating method. This is quite a big undertaking, not just for our limited staff which we can send into the field, but also for our clerical employes in the International Office. However, we believe we can complete the conversion by the end of 1955. So we ask our locals to be patient in awaiting their turn and when that turn comes, to help us as much as they can, for they as well as the International Office will benefit greatly in the long run.

At the conclusion of our installation period, we hope to provide our locals with a manual which will describe simply, but in detail, all the requirements and procedures of dues accounting and reporting.

Now for a word to answer the questions as to how our Tabulating Department operates. Suppose a local union is adopting this new accounting system. We refer to it at the International Office as "being put on the journal sheets."

A punch card is made for each member, showing his name, card number and other data and indicating the month's dues being paid. After they are punched, the cards of all members of that local are put into another machine, the sorter, and automatically sorted into proper alphabetical sequence. Then in this order the cards are



Lillian McIntosh operates sorting machine which will drop cards into bins to divulge any desired data.

Below: Operation of a Remington Rand Model 3 Alpha-Numeric Tabulator is discussed by J. Scott Milne and Howard Joralemon, department supervisor. J. I. Nichols is at right.



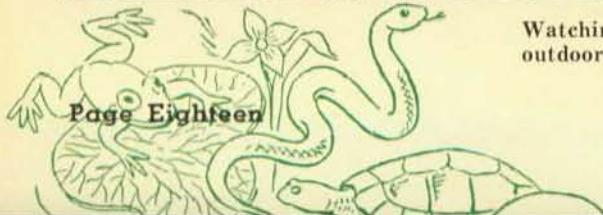
The camera catches Office Manager Joseph I. Nichols as he glances up from schedules he and Department Supervisor Howard Joralemon study.



Journey into Nature



Watching the wild birds in the big outdoors is rewarding entertainment.

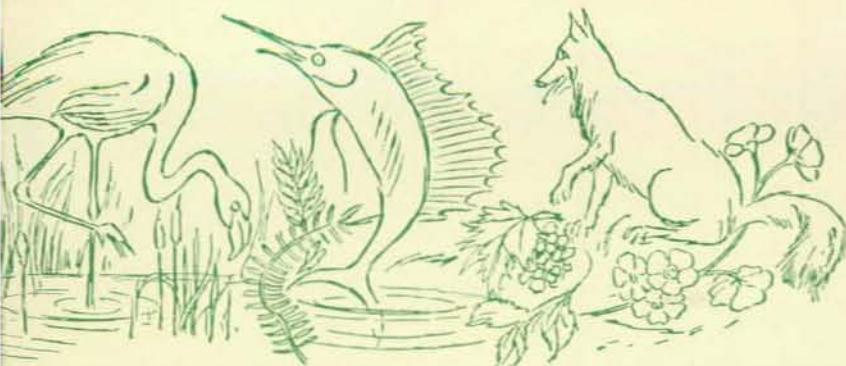


MAYBE it's because it's spring and the "peepers," the little frogs that are the heralds of spring, have already been heard in many communities. Maybe it's because there are two snowdrops and a purple crocus in the writer's backyard,—at any rate we thought it was high time we encouraged some of our readers to get really interested in old Mother Nature. There are too many of us who go all through life knowing little or nothing about the wonderful world we live in, and with a little patience and study, but chiefly a bit of real interest in the life around us, we could discover a whole new world at our fingertips.

New Nature Series

That's why we decided to start still another new series in our JOURNAL, about this wonderful world of nature. We have some articles planned on flowers and birds, trees, animals, insects, fish, the minerals under the earth and the wonders in the skies above the earth. But for now—in this first article, let's just talk about nature in general and see how much interest we can engender in our good readers.

First off, there is a secret longing in a great many people that



goes like this—"I wish I knew something about nature." Well, it isn't really difficult. "But," you say, "I don't know anything about it." Well, once you didn't know how to walk or read. You learn by doing, so all you really have to do is start.

Start at Home

Many readers can start in their own backyards. And if you don't have a backyard that's no excuse. About two-thirds of our population are city dwellers, but their automobiles or a bus line can bring even the big city inhabitants into the realm of nature in about an hour's time. Even if you live on Broadway, in the big city, or on Chicago's loop, Philadelphia's Broad Street or Washington's Pennsylvania Avenue, an hour's ride will bring you to areas where wildflowers grow and birds and small wild animals build their homes.

If you have children, you can

Nature studies can go right into the night and watching raccoons and their young is fun.

Below: Squirrels are one form of wildlife which can be found in almost any place and are most amusing.



This old mother 'possum with her litter of young ones will "play dead" when danger is sighted. Nature studies bring a new world.

share a wonderful experience with them by taking them on nature trips, setting up experiments at home, getting them started on a wildflower or mineral collection or a real study of birds. The boy or girl who is early given a taste for the things of nature will have an interesting hobby to carry through life and he or she will be a better citizen—more observant, more careful of natural resources and many of the simple things that have helped to make our country great.

Learn at Library

Now how about some projects for folks who would like to get started and don't know exactly how. After the start has been made, interest will gravitate to a particular line of study—insects or wildflowers, for example. But in the beginning it is better to get a taste of all and later pick and choose. And let us say now that the public library can be a wonderful aid in learning more about this nature business and once you get started you will want to learn more and more. Now about that getting started. Here are some suggestions. First off, you've got to get out and walk. You can't study old Mother Nature leaning out of a car.

Your first project this spring may be a search for wildflowers.

There are hundreds of them. The ten earliest spring flowers in most states are: Skunk Cabbage, Hepatica or Liverwort, Adder's Tongue or Dog-tooth Violet, Arbutus, Trillium, Dutchman's Breeches, Bloodroot, Wood Anemone, Saxifrage, and Spring Beauty (*Claytonia*). You may wish to study their pictures in a flower book and go out in search of these, but we think a better way is to walk in the woods and gather specimens, bring them home and identify them with the aid of your flower-guide. Try to find five new ones on each trip. Before long you'll find that you have turned into a budding botanist.

Find a Brook

Here's a suggestion along a different line and one we guarantee that the children will love. Buy a big rectangular aquarium—but don't buy any inhabitants for it. Go out and get your own tenants. Equip yourself with a quart jar, a kitchen sieve with a handle and go prospecting in the nearest rural stream. In an hour you will have captured so many different little water creatures that you'll be a week locating and naming them all from your guide book. They'll be hiding under stones, in the mud, on the stems of the weeds and grass growing in the brook.

Beekeepers find their hobby yields more than merely honey as they can follow the intricate social order established by the denizens of the hive.



When an interest in wildflowers is developed a botanist may be budding out.



The sunflower is a common wildflower which may be found anywhere in U.S.

Some of the things you'll probably go home with, are Hyla, Crayfish, Damsel Fly larvae, Daphnia, Salamander, Asellus, Hellgramite, Caddice and many more besides. As you study your small creatures and work with your aquarium, you will have an interesting time watching life cycles.

Collect Frog Eggs

And while we're talking about life cycles and water creatures, collecting frog's eggs is a most interesting assignment for beginners. April is the time. Almost any little pond or even a quiet ditch will yield quantities of these

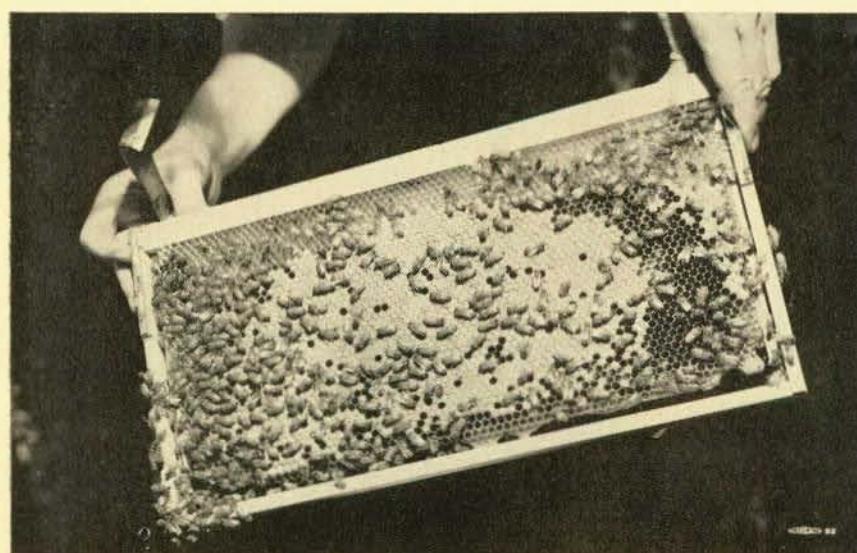
in variety. Look for cloudy masses of semitransparent gelatine dotted with black specks. When you get your eggs home, separate those which appear to be different into jars full of water. Put them on a window shelf and watch for developments. You may have several kinds of frog eggs, as well as those of salamanders and toads.

Watching an egg turn into a tadpole and grow into a frog is one of the most entertaining aspects in all nature study. Get a frog book from the library so you won't miss a bit of it.

There are literally dozens more nature projects for the beginner. June is old-home week for the birds. Pick a June weekend to get better acquainted with them. An orchard or a quiet pasture are fine places to start. You should have a pair of binoculars and a bird guide. Sit quietly and watch. Soon you'll have learned the names of a dozen birds, learned their calls, and your career as a bird watcher is launched.

Going "Bughouse"

Then there are "Bugs" which also open up a wide vista for exploration. The children may like to build an observation ant-hill (there are many booklets which tell one how) and watching these industrious mites of nature can be a marvelous experience.

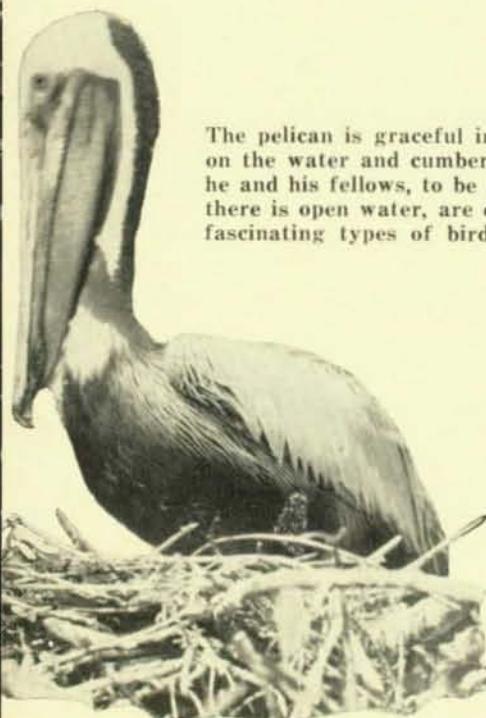




The beautiful and delicate ranunculus shown here was in the locality of Deer Park, Olympic Forest, in Washington.

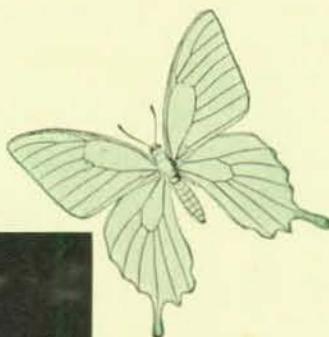


The sword fern, eaten by grazing elk, is classified as unpalatable but the elk in the far western states relish it.



The pelican is graceful in the air, ungainly on the water and cumbersome on land but he and his fellows, to be found wherever there is open water, are one of the most fascinating types of birdlife to observe.

The boy or girl with an active hobby may find a lucrative way of making a living at a job which grew from a hobby pursuit.



Great satisfaction can be derived from watching the life cycle of a frog. First step is to get eggs from a pond.

Then in the insect line too, is "cocooning." Cocoons can be found any time between November 1 and May 1. Moth cocoons are usually found in close thickets where they are protected from wind and rain. You may find as many as eight or ten different varieties. Put the cocoons you find in a non-heated room—a screened box on the porch will be fine. In the spring when you observe the glorious resurrection process, you and your whole family will get a real thrill.

We haven't mentioned a word about observing animals. There are numerous fascinating little wood animals that time and patience can bring under your observation. Reading about their habitats and their habits, and then observing them "in the flesh" so to speak, can be a rewarding and stimulating experience.

Prospects Endless

Later on you may branch out into other things—a study of the stars with frequent visits to your nearest observatory; an inquiry into the creatures of the sea; the study of caves and mineral deposits. The prospects are endless.

However, you must walk before you run. At the beginning forget about strange animals and plants from distant places and begin in your own backyard and your nearest woods. "Discover" na-

ture by going out of doors and finding natural objects in their natural setting—plants, animals, rocks or stars. Bring live animals and plants from their natural setting and raise them in an environment you build for them. (A wild flower rock garden, as well as being a joy forever to the nature lover, can be a thing of beauty besides.)

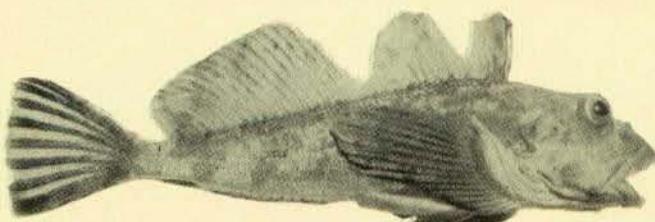
Supplement your knowledge with books and pictures.

Observe everything. Train your eyes and ears to be observant. Remember there's all the difference in the world in *looking* and really *seeing*.

As we have indicated in sections of this article your nature study will follow different trends in different seasons of the year and each brings its special delights. You will want to focus attention on what is important and different about each aspect of nature at a particular season. We have outlined a number of activities for spring. It is the perfect time to look for tree blossoms and to study kinds of flowers. Summer is good for discovering leaf types, making leaf prints and examining fruits of different trees, how they form and grow. An interesting and inexpensive nature hobby is collecting kinds of leaves. Flatten them by pressing between the pages of a magazine. Then wax them by pressing with a warm iron between

This facefull of mouth belongs to a sheefish, caught near the mouth of an Alaskan river but you can get equally interesting fishlore near your home.

Below: This ferocious looking fish is in reality harmless. He is known as a sculpin. For maximum interest a home tank for fish can be constructed.



The habits of our wild birds can be source of pleasure for bird-watchers. Shown is a huge flock of snow geese.



Left: Another type of goose is this Canada goose which is standing over a nest of eggs. Birdwatchers will be more interested in watching family grow than in killing mother goose.

pieces of waxed paper and mount them in a book.

In the fall, it is interesting to see which trees lose their leaves first, how they fall and which change color. Fall is also a good time to watch small animals, chipmunks and squirrels for example, preparing for winter. You may want to help them out a bit by leaving nuts for them to find and hide. Autumn is also an excellent time to look for rock specimens for your collection. Studying seed dispersal is another good activity for fall. You may wish to collect various kinds of seeds and mount them in a collection.

We hope the short articles we want to bring you on nature will interest you, for if they do, and if you get interested in the world around you and all it has to offer, we can promise you rich rewards—you'll get more out of life.

Get out in the open—keep your eyes open, your ears alert, your nose sniffing, your mouth shut. Happy hunting!

Spotlight on Victoria

(Continued from page 7)

and beautiful residential cities in the world, people are often prone to forget that she also leads a lucrative industrial life and is in fact one of the largest industrial centers in British Columbia. Victoria is the leading seaport of Vancouver Island and is a strategic world port, with easy accessibility to the many natural resources of the island hinterland. Vancouver Island has rich deposits of coal, iron, copper, small gold deposits and approximately 25 billion feet of merchantable timber. Victoria is on sea routes to the Orient, the Philippines, to India, South Africa, Australia, South America and Europe via the Panama Canal.

Victoria's leading industries include the manufacture of roofing, furniture, pulp and other wood products, paint, felt and textiles, fish processing and ship building. Victoria has been associated with the ship building and repair industry from her earliest history and now has one of the biggest dry docks in the world. (There are several pictures on these pages, of our men engaged in work there.)

Commercial growing of vegetables, flower seeds, bulbs and small fruits is an industry of importance in Victoria also, which is to be expected when her fine climate is considered.

Since we are now speaking of the industry of Victoria, this is an excellent place to tell something of the electrical industry in Victoria and our IBEW members there. Our local in Victoria is L.U. 230. It was chartered February 16, 1902 and now numbers 781 members engaged in inside, outside, utility, communications and electrical manufacturing work in the city of Victoria and vicinity.

Like many of their brother members of L.U. 213 in Vancouver, a considerable number of 230 members are employed by the B.C. Electric Company. Our readers will be interested in a brief history of electric power in Victoria. The birth of electric service is associated with the year 1883 and

IBEW Wins Contract from West Texas Company after Complicated Legal Fight

THE West Texas Utilities Company—an \$80,000,000 electric light and power company—recently signed a collective bargaining agreement with IBEW Locals 898, San Angelo, 920, Abilene, and 1044, Quanah, Texas, after 16 years of determined resistance to the organizing efforts of the IBEW.

The result was achieved only after the company had suffered four legal defeats, two in the Supreme Court of the United States and two in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

During the course of the litigation, the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia ordered the company to engage in good faith collective bargaining under the unusual penalty of a \$30,000 fine against the company and \$15,000 against its president, plus additional fines of \$1,000 a day for the company and \$500 a day for its president in the event of continued non-compliance.

A full hearing was held before the Court of Appeals to determine whether these penalties should be applied. Before the Court could render its decision, however, the company signed up. The agreement ended the litigation.

The company was represented in the contempt case of Thurman Arnold, a former judge of the Court of Appeals, who gained wide notoriety by attempting to apply the anti-trust laws to trade unions when he was Assistant Attorney General some years back. The IBEW locals were represented in the Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court by Louis Sherman, General Counsel of the International.

Vice President Art Edwards supervised the collective bargaining negotiations for the IBEW locals. The legal aspects of the collective bargaining were handled by L. N. D. Wells, Jr. of Dallas, General Counsel of the Texas State Federation of Labor.

with the name of one man, a Scotsmen, Robert B. McMicking. In that year, 1883, McMicking was one of a number of people who were of the opinion that electric illumination would be stronger and better than the gas lamps in use, fed for over 20 years from the Victoria Gas Company, first utility on Vancouver Island. But McMicking was the only man who had the will and determination to bring the dream of electric power to fruition. In June, 1883 he obtained an agreement with the City of Victoria, "to erect and support and maintain at three points in the city an electric light with an illuminating power equal in the aggregate to 50,000 candles." He was to pay the entire cost and expenses for eight years and in return receive \$6,000 for eight consecutive years if the plan proved satisfactory.

The project called for the erection of three 150-foot masts, each

carrying four or five double arc lamps—the three clusters being expected to give ample light for the settled portion of the city.

The power plant to serve the lights was located on Yates Street near Quadra (not far from where B.C. Electric has plans for a new \$600,000 headquarters building in 1954) and its two brush dynamos were driven by a 25 hp. steam engine.

The new system was full of trial and error but McMicking persisted. In 1886 he formed the Victoria Electric Illuminating Company Limited and by January, 1887 had made preliminary trials of domestic house lighting. By 1889 arc lamps had been introduced for the lighting of large offices, stores and public buildings.

The B.C. Electric Company entered the public utility role in 1893. Its first hydro-electric plant was built on the West Coast at

Goldstream (a few miles north of Victoria) in 1898. The original installation consisted of two Pelton water wheels of 600 horse-power each, directly connected to two General Electric stationary field generators. Later a 900 horse power water and a double-overhung Pelton water wheel were installed.

As demand and growth followed, the company developed a hydro plant at Jordan River, 37 miles west of Victoria, in 1912. From then on developments followed year after year. The most recent project was the completion several years ago of a \$2,000,000 transmission line between Victoria and Nanaimo, linking the privately owned B.C. Electric to the John Hart development of the B.C. Power Commission.

Serving a population of 140,000 people and its attendant industry, has required a continuing program of new lines and power stations. In this picture a dominant role has been played by our IBEW members.

No story of Victoria and our members there would be complete without mention of that grand old man, Frank Shapland, better known as "Shappie," charter member of L.U. 230 who for so many years entertained us on the pages of our JOURNAL with his yarns about Casey and his adventures in the Canadian Northwest. Some day soon we want to reprint excerpts from these tales for the benefit of our younger members who may never have had a chance to read them.

We had a grand visit with "Shappie" and his good wife in Victoria, and enjoyed seeing the papers and pictures which constitute a record of electrical work in Victoria at the turn of the century. We were interested in reading in Brother Shapland's records, the story of wage progress for Electrical Workers in that area through the years.

In 1890, wages were 10 cents an hour. The records state—\$30 a month—10 hours a day.

In 1905 wages had risen to \$2.00 a day. In 1908 with union pressure, \$3.44 per day was the rate

RAR RALLY

Members of the RARs will be happy to know that this club within our Brotherhood is planning a big get-together at our coming Convention and wishes to alert all RAR members to this effect.

In conjunction with this announcement, International Secretary Milne wishes to acknowledge with thanks the loan made recently by this group to the Pension Fund, under the Silver Jubilee Plan.

and by 1916 this figure stood at \$4.10.

We looked at the first minute books of L.U. 230 written in Shappie's beautiful shaded script. The first minutes were dated February 13, 1902 and the very first entry was this one:

"Resolution: Be it resolved that Electrical Workers of the City of Victoria here assembled, deeming it an object worthy of our efforts to place Labor and its Rewards on an equal basis with capital, and conscientiously believing that organization is the just and right means thereto, do hereby form ourselves into a United Body for that purpose and subscribe our names hereto."

L.U. 230 has come a long way since those days and has made a vital contribution to the life and progress of the City of Victoria. We are proud of our members there, proud of their efficiency and knowledge of their work and their record as good union members.

Well, readers, time is running out. We wish space would permit more and more information about this city and vignettes of the gracious and charming citizens who live there.

It will not, so you will just have to go to Victoria and see and hear and feel for yourself all that she is.

See the wonder that is Butchart Gardens. Look on Victoria Harbor when all its little ships and big, are glorified in an exquisite sunset, browse through Victoria's wonderful shops with their displays of British woolens, Irish linens, English shoes and Scotch sweaters. Take in her marvelous antique shops and those china stores which contain the most brilliant and complete assortments of English china on the North American continent.

Have tea and crumpets at the Empress Hotel, and you, like the rest of us, will say, "I love Victoria. It's wonderful!"

We acknowledge with thanks the kind help of the officers and members of L.U. 230, especially that of Mr. C. A. Peck, business manager, his secretary, Mrs. Betty Graham, Mr. Frank Shapland, Lieutenant Commander W. L. Patton of the Royal Canadian Navy, Mr. M. C. Collins, Public Information Manager of the Victoria branch, B.C. Electric Company and Mr. George I. Warren, Commissioner of the Victoria Publicity Bureau.

Without the splendid assistance of all these people this story and its illustrations could never have been published and we are grateful.

ATTENTION BOWLERS

May 1st and 2nd, 1954.....	The Date
Kansas City, Missouri.....	The Place
Annual I.B.E.W. Bowling Tournament....	The Event

For further information contact:

Local Union No. 124, Tournament Committee
104 West 40th Street
Kansas City 11, Missouri

MARCH 1, 1954 was a busy day for International Secretary J. Scott Milne and his staff at the International Office. On that day the call for the Twenty-Fifth Convention of our Brotherhood went out to our local unions, and some 6,361 delegates' and alternates' credentials were enclosed — by far the largest number in our history.

The convention call and credentials were sent to the local financial secretaries. An additional copy of the call was mailed to each business manager.

Our Twenty-Fifth regular Convention will convene at the International Amphitheater in Chicago, Illinois, on Monday, August 30. This amphitheatre, popularly



The convention call and credentials are sent out from the International Office as a mass-production system gets the job done in but a few hours.

CONVENTION CALL



Left: Lucille Roberts and Roberta Rickman check envelopes and count credentials as their part in the assembly line.



Above: Secretary Milne explains to Bernadine Quinn and Dorothy Cherry how many credentials are to be sent according to local membership count.



Left: Ruth Smith and Barbara Phipps prepare mailing labels for the locals whose large memberships require many credentials for the convention.

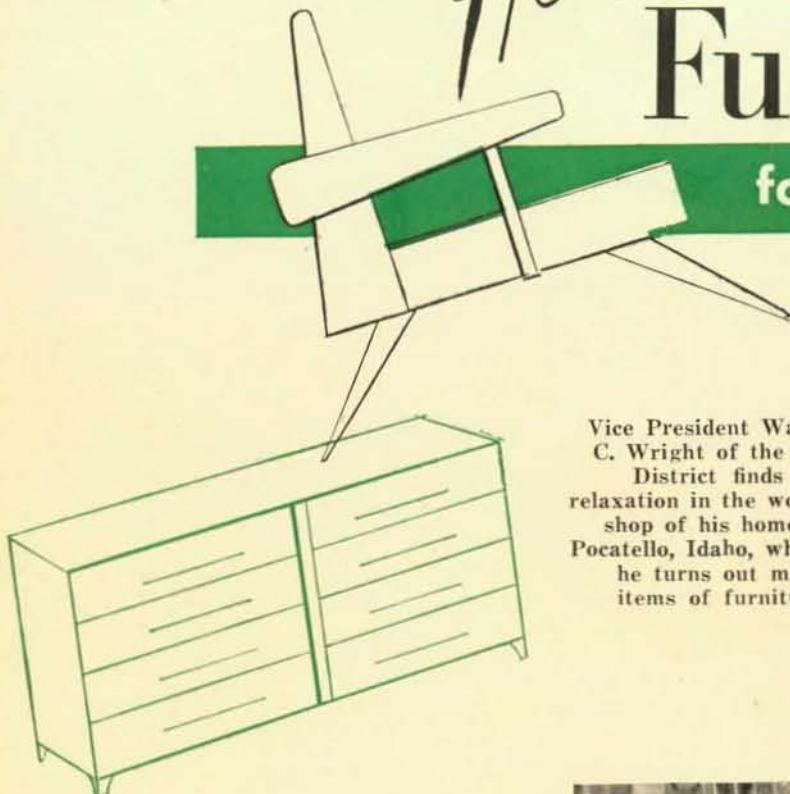
known as the "Stockyards Auditorium," is the one that housed the Democratic and Republican National Conventions. It is one of the few halls in the U. S. big enough to accommodate the large number of delegates expected at our Convention.

While July 1 is the deadline for credentials to be returned to the International Secretary, they are already beginning to be received in substantial numbers at the International Office. The distinction of being first to make a return goes to Brother Ralph L. Halloran of L.U. 139, Elmira, New York. George S. Anderson, L.U. 1672, Benton Harbor, Michigan, and Harold B. Oliver, L.U. 377, Lynn, Massachusetts, were not far behind as second and third.

This Convention will be the largest in our history. Because of the representation granted by our Constitution it will also be the largest union convention ever held in the United States or elsewhere. We hope it will be an interesting, strengthening and inspiring Convention. With the help of all our officers, local unions and delegates, it can be just that.

We shall keep you posted on the pages of the JOURNAL on all facets of "The Convention Story" as it unfolds.

He makes Furniture for a HOBBY



Vice President Wallis C. Wright of the 8th District finds his relaxation in the workshop of his home in Pocatello, Idaho, where he turns out many items of furniture.



V.P. Wright panelled in a spare room and built the bunk beds with storage drawers. He is also an ardent trout fisherman.

THIS month in our hobby series we bring you the story of the spare-time activity of another of our International Vice Presidents. Some issues back we told you of the interesting coin collection of Fifth District Vice President G. X. Barker, which is one of the finest in the country. The Vice President of the Eighth District, W. C. Wright has a completely different hobby but one that affords him much pleasure and delights his wife, Martha, as well, for it is wood working and furniture making.

Complete Workshop

In the basement of the Wright home, Vice President Wright has a small, compact, but very complete workshop, well equipped with power tools and wood-working implements of all types. This shop is as neat as the proverbial pin, with built-in shelves to hold every tool and every nail and screw. Vice President Wright is a firm believer

in that old adage, "a place for everything and everything in its place," and Mrs. Wright says it's "woe betide anyone who borrows a hammer and doesn't put it back."

Busy Schedule

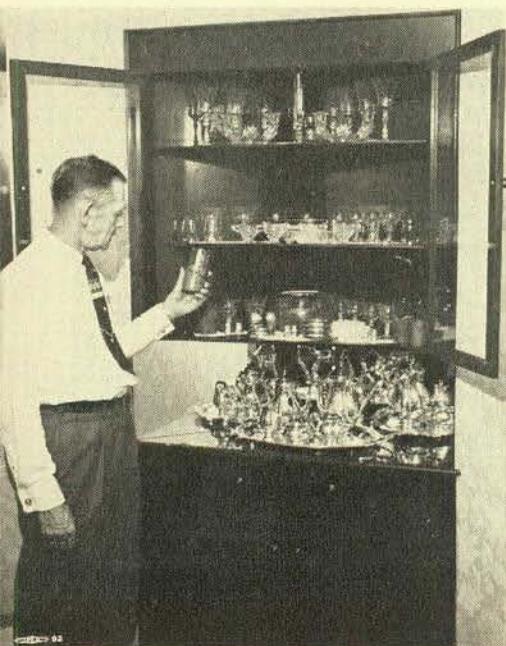
Vice Presidents of our Brotherhood lead a busy life that leaves little time for hobby pursuits, but Brother Wally Wright has made a good investment of his too-few leisure hours at home. In the

Wright master bedroom is an exquisite set of mahogany furniture with twin beds, dresser, chest of drawers, etc. This beautiful suite is the product of Vice President Wright's lathe and awl and skill.

Unique Closets

Also in the bedroom he made two huge closets (a "his" and a "hers") with sliding doors complete with built-in shelves and drawers. These are truly the answer to a housewife's prayer and

When the Wife of IBEW Vice President W. C. Wright Decides She Wants a New Bedroom Suite, Her Skilled Husband Goes to His Workshop and Turns Out A Masterfully Designed Original!



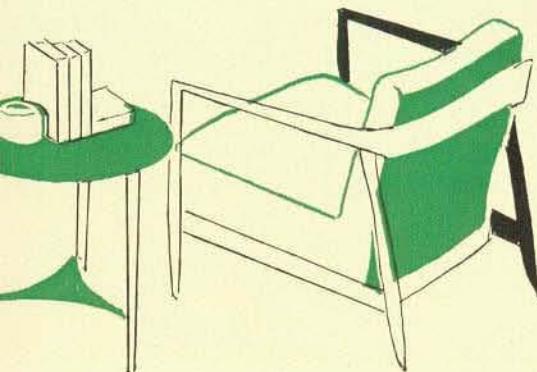
"Wally" Wright stands before a corner cabinet in his living room which he made of mahogany for Mrs. Wright. The order and neatness here is also evident in the workshop in the basement where each tool is in place.

Mrs. Wright is justly proud of them and her husband's handiwork.

Cupboard Was Gift

A particularly beautiful piece of furniture created by Brother Wright is a corner cupboard designed and completed as a gift for his wife. "That's one that cost me money," Vice President Wright said with a rueful smile. It seems he finished and installed it some months ago as a surprise for Mrs. Wright when she returned home

Below: The advantages of a custom-built wardrobe closet are enjoyed by Bro. Wright who built it in bedroom.



A complete bedroom suite of mahogany is the major product of the basement workshop of the hobbyist.

from a visit. When she saw the lovely cabinet with its polished surface and reflecting mirror, she was delighted, but said "It just has to have a silver tea service to finish it off!" So now it stands in shining glory complete with silver service.

Vice President Wright has just completed a charming bunk room in the basement of their home, with built-in maple bunk beds and attractive furniture, in preparation for visits from the Wright grandchildren, daughter Deane's three-year old Wally, named for his granddaddy and son Bert's small daughter.

Current Project

The current project underway is the panelling of a recreation room and the creation of appropriate furniture and fittings for it, also in the Wright basement.

There is something challenging in creating something from "scratch" and seeing a beautiful and useful object take shape under one's own hand and tool. Some of the furniture that Brother Wright has made, could well grace the finest furniture stores, and the fact that it is custom made to his own design and personal taste and that of Mrs. Wright, makes it especially worthwhile.

Vice President Wright loves his hobby, finds it relaxing and compensating. Mrs. Wright and many friends and neighbors can attest to the fact that it is worthwhile.

Write us about your hobby. We'd like to tell about it in our JOURNAL.



With the Ladies



How To Be Attractive

THERE'S not a single woman in the whole world who doesn't want to be attractive. It is the most universal desire of all feminine creatures on the face of the earth. I don't think there's anyone who will dispute that point—but here's another point that is just as true no matter how many may dispute it. The second point is this—every woman, *without exception* can be attractive. She can have a nose like Jimmy Durante's, ears that flap in the breeze, bowed legs, buck teeth—any number of physical difficulties so lamented by the weaker sex, and in spite of the defects, be attractive.

Now, of course, some women are going to be far more attractive than others, but our page this month aims to do two things:

(1) Explain why all women can be attractive.

(2) Urge every reader to use every asset to become as attractive as she possibly can.

Now first of all—how can all women be attractive? Because attractiveness is not just a question of a facial feature or good figure or good-looking clothes. It's a question of *you* and what's inside you. The woman who has charm, who is a giver instead of a taker, who does the best she can with what she has and doesn't whine because it isn't better—she is bound to be attractive. There are very few people whose life is completely pleasant and satisfying, but those women who never let this become a barrier between them and a happy life—those are attractive women, often they are downright beautiful.



Let me tell you about a friend of mine. The first time I saw her I thought, "What a homely girl!" Her features were not good—in fact she had hardly a single good feature. Now I've known her for a year. If any persons said to me today, "Isn't Ida homely?" I'd think they were a little off their rockers. Why? Because Ida



is friendly and kind. She does nice things for people. She forgets herself by putting herself in the other fellow's place and being interested in him. She never whines because she hasn't the face or figure she would like. She does the best she can with what she has—keeps herself immaculately clean and well groomed, buys attractive, suitable clothes and plays them up with unusual little accessories. She's an attractive woman with a capital "A".

Now for point 2—why don't you live up to every possibility you possess and force yourself to become as attractive as is humanly possible? What Ida could do with nothing, you can do, and perhaps a lot easier because you probably have assets she doesn't have—a good figure, pretty eyes, nice hair or a clear complexion.

Now you can't be attractive just by wishing. You've got to *think* and *plan* and *act*. Now I can just hear some of our readers beginning to alibi already. Two of the excuses offered

most often are these: "To be well dressed and well groomed costs money, and we need the money for other things."

The second most frequent excuse is "I don't have the time—there's no time left over from household tasks."

Now about these excuses. On the surface they seem legitimate enough—but think of the rewards of being *really* attractive and you'll say with me, the obstacles aren't insurmountable. By correct planning, you can save enough time from your busy day to work on yourself, and as for money—well that's hardly any excuse at all. Often a woman with very limited funds looks the nicest, because she has to buy very carefully and can't afford to make mistakes.

Okay, I hope by this time I've convinced you that you can be more attractive and that money and time are not going to be stumbling blocks for you. If you want to be different, and have the will to try and the perseverance to stick with it, success will surely crown your efforts. Your beauty formula adds up to this—bringing your type to its greatest perfection—developing beauty from within by being kind and patient and considerate and developing beauty from without by playing up every asset you have and getting rid of what defects you can.

Just as there is a formula for beauty, there's a recipe for ugliness too. I give it to you here so you may avoid it with all your strength. It is this: One part smugness, one part stupidity, one part laziness, one part gluttony—all set aside to jell.



These hardly need analyzing but just a word or two so we'll know what to avoid.

Smugness—that's the old feeling—"I'm just fine as I am. My husband married me for what I am—I please him." I wouldn't be too sure of that lady! While your husband may be good and devoted and philandering is the farthest thing from his mind—don't let him ever wish he had the courage to philander or horror of horrors, had picked another wife.

Suppose you were married 15 years ago. You probably bought an armchair for your house at the same time. And you liked it—but I bet if it has gotten frayed and worn you have had it mended or recovered or at least made a slip cover for it. Well, it's the same with you. You musn't just let yourself go—you've got to keep yourself in repair and adjust gracefully to the years.

The stupidity part comes in when you stubbornly say—"I'd like to be different but I don't know how." *You know how all right!* You can read, can't you and look in a mirror? Well, then get busy. Laziness comes right along in this category. It's not easy to expend the energy necessary to make yourself more attractive, especially if you have many home duties, but it's sheer laziness not to try. If you plan and have the will to do, you can find a little time to exercise and brush your hair and clean and cream your skin, apply makeup properly and keep your clothes neat and in good repair, and to select those clothes which are suitable for you. You can do it if you want to.

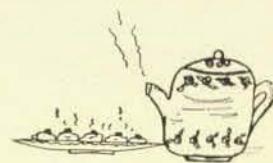
And that last ingredient for ugliness—gluttony. A really over-stuffed female, bulging out of her clothes, certainly has a problem to look attractive. Granted there are a few women in this world who have glandular troubles that make them fat, but most of us heavy lasses *just plain eat too much*. And we ought to cut it out—as much for health's sake as beauty's.

Many of us may condemn our husbands for taking just one drink too many. Do you know, when you get right down to it, when we eat one chocolate right after another, or take a second piece of pie when we're already full, we're committing an offense too?

If you've got too much of that old *avoirdupois*, friends, begin today to get it off. You'll feel 100 percent better when you're lighter and will have made a real forward step toward being the attractive woman you can be.

Golly, girls, time has just about run out and I had so many things to tell you about—but we'll continue next month. Meanwhile start today. Say to yourself, I'm going to be as attractive as is humanly possible.

English Recipes From Victoria



OUR city story this month is about that wonderful Canadian city Victoria, often described as more English than England. We've gathered some recipes from Victoria we thought our readers might want to try. Crumpets are a real favorite in Victoria, toasted for breakfast or served at teatime. Mrs. Beeton is an authority on English cookery. Here is her recipe:

CRUMPETS

1 quart water	$\frac{1}{2}$ ounce salt
2 ounces yeast	2 quarts flour
$\frac{1}{4}$ pound potatoes	

Wash, peel and boil the potatoes. When cooked, rub through a colander. Add water (warm enough to bear the hand in it without discomfort) then dissolve the yeast and salt in it and stir in flour so that the mixture is more of a batter than a sponge. Cover over and leave for a half an hour. At the end of this time take a large wooden spoon and beat the batter well, leave spoon in, cover over and leave for another half an hour. Beat again. Repeat this process three times with half hour intervals. When completed, (see that the hot plate is quite hot) lay out some crumpet rings, rubbed over with a little clear lard on a baking tin and pour on sufficient batter to make the crumpets. When cooked on one side, turn over with a palette knife and when done take off on to a clean cloth and cool. Twenty minutes should be sufficient cooking time for about two dozen crumpets. Muffins and crumpets should always be served on separate dishes and both toasted and served as quickly as possible.

We asked Betty Graham, secretary to Business Manager Peck in L.U. 230's office, to give us her very favorite English recipe. Here it is:

ENGLISH PATRIOTIC PUDDING

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup butter	1 egg
1 cup white sugar	$\frac{1}{2}$ cup milk
2 teaspoons baking powder	2 cups flour (scant)

Mix above ingredients into a batter. Grease pudding basin, pour in one cup of heavy syrup—then pour in the above batter. Cover tightly with parchment and steam for one and a half hours. To serve turn pudding upside down on platter. Will yield four to six servings.

Many citizens of Victoria serve tea every afternoon. At the wonderful old Empress Hotel, teatime is a ritual which visitors from just everywhere enjoy and never forget. English cookies are a part of English tea. Here are some you may like to try:

SHREWSBURY CAKES

4 cups flour	$\frac{1}{4}$ cup milk
1 cup sugar	$\frac{3}{4}$ cup butter melted
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons powdered coriander	3 eggs unbeaten
seed	

Add the butter, milk and eggs to the flour, sugar and coriander. Mix well and knead to a smooth dough. Roll very thin, cut into small shapes and bake at 400°F until light brown.

ENGLISH JUMBLES

4 cups flour	$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon cloves
1 cup sugar	$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon cinnamon
$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon mace	$\frac{3}{4}$ cup butter melted
2 eggs beaten for 10 minutes	

Pour the eggs and butter into the flour and mix well. Knead until dough is smooth and does not stick to the hands. Form into little rings with the hands. Bake at 400°F for 10 to 12 minutes.



SEAN AND THE Shoemaker

St. Patrick's Day
Story for Children

"Uncle Pat said he'd punish me
if I ever mentioned you again."

LITTLE Sean Murphy was sad. He was very sad. And if you'll listen, I'll tell you why. You see Sean (and this Irish name is pronounced "Shawn") is an orphan. His mother and daddy died in an automobile accident some months ago and their little eight-year-old boy was sent to live with his gruff old great uncle, Patrick Casey. Now Sean's Uncle Pat isn't a mean man, but such a long time has passed since he was a little boy in Ireland, that he's forgotten what it's like to be very young and full of pep and imagination. While he really loves Sean, down deep inside, he's not used to having a little boy around his house, and so he's often cross and impatient with him.

For instance, there was the time that the little black and white puppy followed Sean home from school.

Uncle Pat was reading his paper in front of the fire in the living room when Sean came in with the puppy in his arms.

"Uncle Pat," he began timidly.

Uncle Pat looked up over his glasses at Sean.

"Well, what is it lad?" he said gruffly. "Speakup and don't be interruptin' me when I'm reading my paper." Then he spied the puppy wriggling in Sean's arms and licking Sean's face all over with his pink tongue.

"What in the name of heaven is that?" he shouted so loud that Sean's heart began to pound in fear.

"It's a puppy, Uncle Pat," said Sean. "It followed me home from school. Oh please, please, can't I keep it?"

"No, you can't!" shouted Uncle Pat. "Get that animal out of here at once, before I take my stick to the two of you!" And he bellowed so loud that Sean, the puppy clutched to his breast, couldn't get out of the room quickly enough.

And then, there was the matter of the "little people." You see, ever since Sean was a tiny lad, his Irish mother, Nora Murphy, had told him wonderful stories about the "little people," the wee Irish

fairies that roam the earth doing good things to help poor people and ever so often appear to little boys and girls and grown-up people too, but of course only to those who believe in them. And her favorite stories were about the Leprechauns, the little fairy shoemakers of Ireland, who work night and day making shoes for children whose parents are too poor to buy them. And do you know there is one little Leprechaun, named Mickey McGonigal, who often appears to little Sean Casey? Sometimes when Sean is studying his lessons, or perhaps if he is having supper all by himself, he'll hear away off in the distance a little voicee humming the "Rose of Tralee" and before Sean can say "Jack Robinson," there is Mickey McGonigal, dressed in his little green coat and his pointed cap and turned-up shoes, sitting crosslegged on the table right in front of Sean. And he and Sean have the best times, for he tells lonely little Sean stories, funny stories that make him laugh, and he teaches him fairy games



Uncle Pat looked so cross that Sean's blue eyes filled with tears.

and plays them with him. Oh, Mickey McGonigal, the gay little Leprechaun, is the most fun!

But it was the little fairy shoemaker who caused Sean to get into the most trouble with his Uncle Pat. You see, Sean decided one night to tell his Uncle Pat about Mickey McGonigal. It happened at the dinner table on an evening when Uncle Pat and Sean were having their dinner together.

"Do you believe in the 'little people,' Uncle Pat?" asked Sean.

"The 'little people!' Good heav-

ens, boy, you know better than to ask such a foolish question! There are no such things as fairies!"

"But there are, Uncle Pat, there are," said Sean very earnestly. "There are fairies, and there is one Leprechaun, named Mickey McGonigal, who often comes to play with me!"

"Shure now, you're foolin' boy! And your Uncle Pat has no time for idle talk. Cut it out now and eat your dinner and don't be mentionin' the subject again."

"But I'm not fooling, Uncle

Pat," protested Sean. "He's a real little Leprechaun, a fairy shoemaker, and he comes to see me, and he's my friend."

"Sean, lad, if ye're afther tellin' me a lie, I'll have to punish you. Come now, not another word about such foolishness, or I'll take a strap to the likes of you."

And Sean's Uncle Pat looked so cross and spoke so sternly that Sean's blue eyes filled with tears and one splashed right onto his dinner plate.

And so, that's why little Sean was so sad.

On the day before St. Patrick's Day, Sean was eating his dinner all by himself. Lots of nights his Uncle Pat didn't come home until late and Mrs. O'Brien, the house-keeper, would give Sean his supper early. Mrs. O'Brien was good to Sean. She saved the reddest apples for him and whenever she made cookies she let Sean help. She even got her son to keep the black and white puppy that had followed Sean home from school, and sometimes on her afternoon off, she'd take Sean with her to her son's house, to see the puppy.

But on this day before the 17th of March, just as Sean was about to drink the last bit of his milk, he heard the little voice humming "Rose of Tralee" and he knew Mickey McGonigal was on the way. He put the glass of milk down hastily for Leprechaun's love milk

"What's all this ye've been tellin' your nephew about there bein' no fairies?"



and he always saved Mickey some of his.

Quick as a flash, there he was—happy, smiling, gay little Mickey McGonigal.

"Good evenin' Sean, me lad. It's glad I am to be seein' ye."

"Oh, I'm glad to see you too, Mickey," said Sean, "but I've got to tell you something. I don't think you'd better come to see me any more. My Uncle Pat was awfully angry when I told him about you, and said he'd punish me if I mentioned you or any of the 'little people' again. If he should ever come in and see you here with me, I'm afraid he might hurt you." And Sean was crying as he spoke for he was very lonesome and he loved Mickey McGonigal very much.

"Oh and would he now," said Mickey. "Well, we'll just see about that. I'll go now, Sean, but I'll be back," and as quickly as that he was gone.

The very next morning was St. Patrick's Day. Uncle Pat was up early, going over some accounts before breakfast. As he was figuring with pencil and paper, he thought he heard a faint little song.

"By St. Bridget," he said to himself, "I thought sure I heard someone singin' the 'Rose of Tralee.' "

"Shure and you did," said a voice at his elbow, "for it was myself that was singin' it!"

And Uncle Pat looked around quickly, and he stared in amazement and rubbed his eyes, and stared again, for there standing right in front of him on the table was a little man, no more than 10 inches high, all dressed in green, with a wee pointed cap on his head and a little fairy shoemaker's hammer in his hand.

"What in the world?" stammered Uncle Pat.

"It's me, Mickey McGonigal, the Leprechaun, Patrick Casey," said the little man, and he gave Uncle Pat a sharp tap on the thumb with his tiny hammer as he spoke.

"What's all this ye've been

tellin' your nephew, Sean, about there bein' no such thing as fairies? Shure, you're not the lad ye used to be back in the old country when my father Terrence McGonigal used to come visitin' you! What's the matter with you anyway?" And Mickey McGonigal got right up close to Uncle Pat and shook his tiny fist right under his nose.

"Faith and begorra," shouted Uncle Pat, "ye are real. I haven't seen one of the likes of ye in so long, I thought it was all a foolish dream. Will ye be forgivin' a foolish old man, Mickey McGonigal? I promise to make it all up to my nephew Sean," said Uncle Pat, humbly.

"Well, all right," said Mickey somewhat reluctantly, "if you'll make it up to Sean, tell him stories and let him have the black and white puppy, and never, never, never, again tell him there are no fairies, I'll be afther forgivin' ye."

"I promise, I do, I do, Mickey McGonigal," said Uncle Pat. And he meant it.

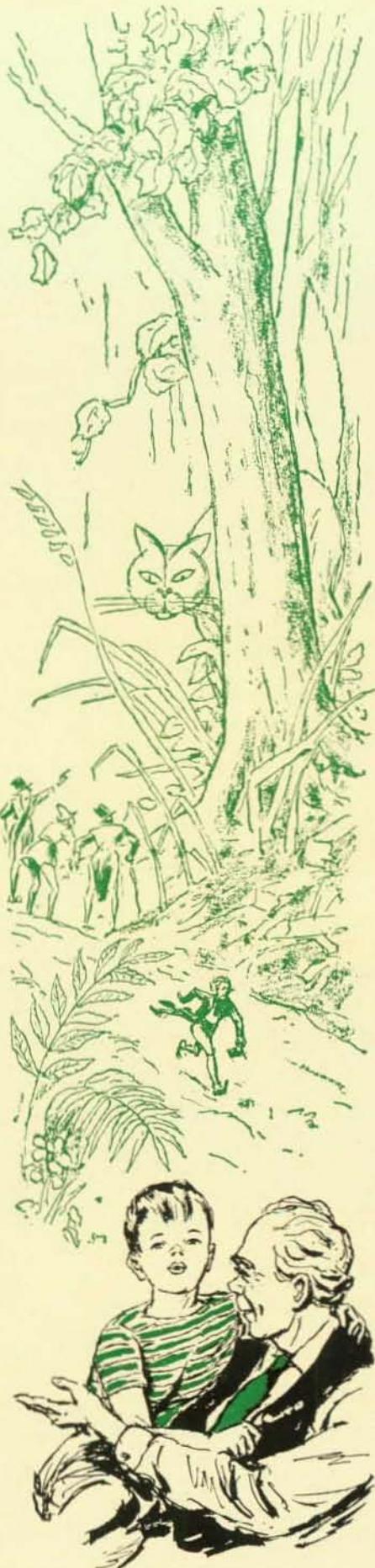
And so now, little Sean Murphy isn't sad any longer. He and his Uncle Pat have become the best of friends. Every night after supper Uncle Pat takes Sean on his knee and tells him the most wonderful stories about the "little people" and about all the things they used to do when he was a boy back home in Ireland. And the black and white puppy lies on the hearth at their feet and pricks up his ears just as if he is listening to the stories too. His name is "Mickey," after Mickey McGonigal, the fairy shoemaker.

And do you know, sometimes Mickey McGonigal joins them also and sits on the hearth and drinks the bowl of milk they've saved for him.

And the old man and the little boy, and the puppy dog and the wee Leprechaun are all very, very happy.

The end.

Each night after supper Sean hears wonderful stories about the "little people."



Discuss Organizing Of Oil Fields

NORTH DAKOTA ELECTRICAL WORKERS' COUNCIL—The North Dakota Electrical Workers' Council held its regular quarterly meeting at the Patterson Hotel in Bismarck on the 5th and 6th of December. The afternoon of the 5th a meeting was held for the purpose of an informal discussion with the State Board of Electricians. The Council felt that both the Board and the Electrical Workers in the State would benefit from a meeting such as this. The main topic of discussion was the oil fields and what could be done about policing this area. The oil industry coming into North Dakota has brought up many problems both to the workmen and the board. North Dakota was probably never thought of as being one of the greatest oil states in the union and now that the discovery has been made and we know it is here to stay something has to be done to enforce the electrical code.

At the present time there is a large oil refinery being built by Standard Oil at Mandan, North Dakota. Another small refinery is being built in the Dickinson area and still another in the Williston area. There is talk of one being built in the Minot area also.

This discussion was very interesting and I do believe we did accomplish something for future work in the oil industry.

Other topics that came up for discussion were reinspection of farm wiring, poor and defective wiring in public places such as hotels and theatres, the different types of wiring and where they should and should not be used, and a very interesting subject which concerns all the Electrical Workers was the licensing law and apprenticeship training. We were very fortunate to have as main speakers at this meeting, John Murray from Chicago and Dan Gephart from Minneapolis who represented the National Electrical Contractors Association. They not only told us the working parts of NECA but also helped us a great deal in future action as far as the oil fields were concerned. I

could go on and give a more detailed report on what took place at this meeting but these were the highlights and we were forced to adjourn a very interesting meeting.

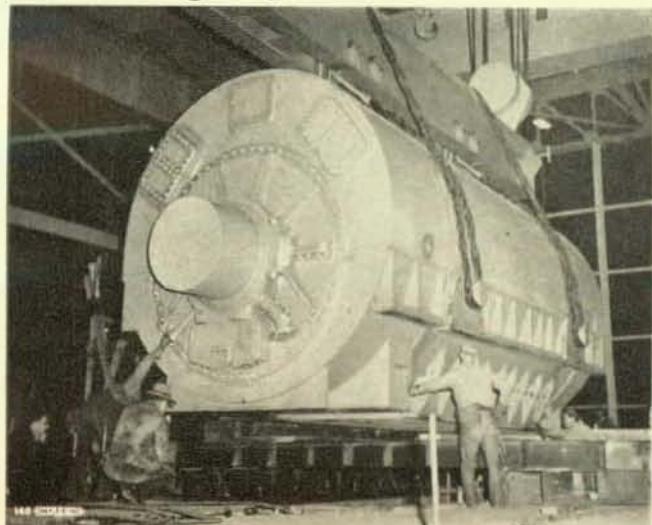
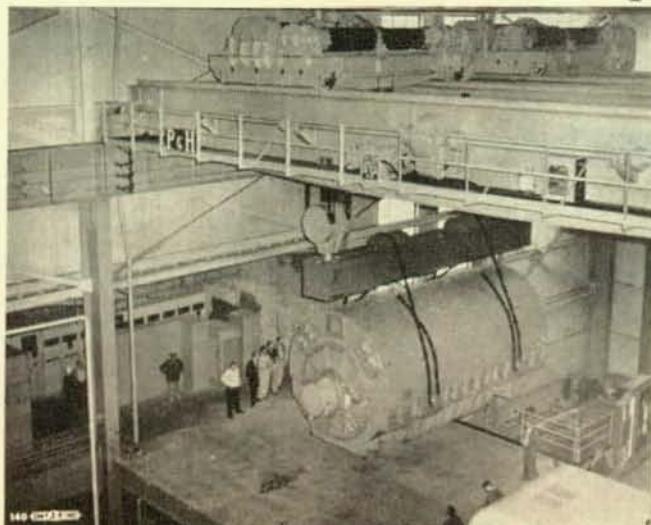
Our meeting Sunday morning was called to order about 9:30 by President Sherman Day. He asked Brother C. M. Rush, International Representative, IBEW for an organizational report on the States of North and South Dakota to start our sessions. Brother Rush reported on the activities that had taken place in his area since our last meeting. The main topic was the organizing of REA co-ops and the action of the NLRB in reversing a ruling that they would no longer take jurisdiction over such co-ops and that it was going to make it very difficult to organize these small co-ops from now on with the NLRB taking that stand. He pointed out

Attend North Dakota Conference



Delegates to the meeting of the North Dakota Electrical Workers' Council held in December in Bismarck, N. D. (left to right): Back row: B. M. Ryan, Workmen's Compensation Bureau; L. O. Arnold, Local 714; Ted Blaski, Local 1792; Frank Gerke, Local 1426; Harold Olson, Local 714; Clarence Putz, Local 714; Lester Porter, Local 975; Ben Rivinus, Local 975; Dale Jurgenson, Local 395, and Joseph Klien, Local 395. Center row: Arnold Fiefer, Local 975; C. M. Rush, International Representative; Sherman Day, Local 949; K. M. Fulsebakke, Local 714; D. D. Keely, Local 1426; Quinten Rittenrath, Local 203; Laurence McConn, Local 524; C. H. Witham, Local 949, and Brian Hystad, Local 714. Front row: W. W. Murrey, President North Dakota Federation of Labor; George Yineman, Local 714 and State Electrical Board; Kenneth Lowe, State Electrical Board; Frank Jacobs, Vice President 11th District; E. C. Kelley, International Representative, and John Murray, NECA, Chicago; Dan Gephart, NECA, Minneapolis; Nick Frank, State Electrical Board.

St. Louis' Operation Big Lift



The second generator for the Meramec plant in the jurisdiction of Local 1, St. Louis, Mo., arrives at the plant ready for setting. The large 250-ton, completely assembled rotor and stator is carried across the balcony of the turbine room to its foundation by two 100-ton cranes. The close-up at right shows the enormous size of the generator which is 30 feet long and 12 feet in diameter. Coming to an easy rest on its temporary foundation, it will be fitted and made ready for setting on its permanent base by Local 1 members.

that the Electrical Workers were having their usual number of difficulties but that taking in consideration that we are confronted with such laws as the "Right to Work Law" that we have in force here in North Dakota, the IBEW had made good progress in organizational work in his area.

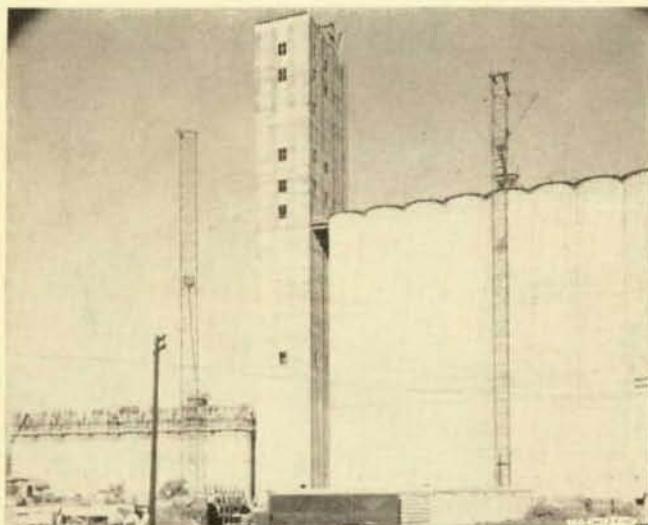
Delegates from the IBEW locals throughout the state gave reports on what was happening in their respective locals. Some of them had very encouraging news while others brought out points in contracts that

had to be changed for the good of the membership. Future negotiations were discussed and some of the points that were brought out for the future were, better vacation plans, health and welfare programs, raising the pension benefits in the utility locals, shorter working hours with the same take-home pay. We in the IBEW have come to realize that North Dakota is no longer classed as only a farm state and the construction that will take place within the state in the future years is going to mean a lot

of work on the part of organized labor to hang on to and better the conditions that prevail at the present. We must stick together and each and every member should be a small organizer and educate the public and the workmen that only through collective bargaining and unionism can we as working men exist.

Again we were fortunate to have such speakers as, W. W. Murrey, President of the North Dakota Federation of Labor, Henry Martinson, Deputy Commissioner of Labor, B. M.

Project Sites of Local 1



Work nears completion on the new Elam Grain Co. elevator located in St. Louis on the Missouri-Pacific tracks, at left. Concrete is poured at the rate of 38 tons an hour on the 154 feet high bins which will hold 2,500,000 bushels of grain. These 18 bins are bisected by a 280-foot head house containing all the unit's mechanical machinery. Gas-fired high pressure steam boilers rated by the hundreds of horse power are installed, at right, in the new John J. Chocoran Veterans' Hospital in the heart of St. Louis' great medical center. From left: Engineer in charge of boilers while in temporary operation Roy Stahl; a Local 1 wireman; Lee Killian, business representative of Local 1, and George Demming of Local 11, Los Angeles, Calif., electrical superintendent on the job.

Ryan from the State Workmen's Compensation Bureau, and again we heard from our NECA representatives, Mr. Murray and Mr. Gephart.

I believe the highlight of our Sunday session was our talk by Brother Frank Jacobs, International Vice President, Eleventh District, from St. Louis, Missouri. When we made our plans for our Council meeting our hopes were very high that Brother Jacobs would be able to attend but of course we took into consideration that he has a rough schedule and can't always make his plans to suit us but we were mighty happy he could attend and whenever he comes up in our territory we can always expect a talk that fills us with encouragement, and we leave the meeting with new determination and a fighting spirit to better ourselves through the IBEW.

We are all very proud of Brother Jacobs who has certainly set an example in true union spirit. His whole heart and soul and every effort is for the good of his members, and we of the Council are thankful for a Brother with such outstanding leadership qualities. The last time Brother Jacobs was up here was in May of 1952. That makes it once a year and we sincerely hope that in the future he will be able to make it at least that often. Brother E. C. Kelly, International Representative also from St. Louis, accompanied Brother Jacobs and we enjoyed his presence and his talk. He told me that he had plans of coming up in this area sometime next summer. We'll all be looking forward to that time and maybe he can make our next Council meeting that will be held at Devils Lake in May of '54.

This was an outstanding meeting of the North Dakota Electrical Workers' Council and each delegate and every visiting member had something to take back to his respective local. The Smorgasbord dinner that was served just couldn't be beat. Although we had a few difficulties in getting our pictures taken after the dinner it didn't turn out too bad after all. We had so many interesting speakers that time ran out and we had to adjourn before we really wanted to. Last year the Council took on a project to get a Linemen's Safety Code enforced through the Workmen's Compensation Bureau. They achieved their goal but it was only through a lot of work and effort that it was accomplished. This year our hopes are to get the benefits of the Workmen's Compensation changed in order that they will be raised in accordance with living costs that prevail in the State of North Dakota at the present time.

I would like to take this opportunity, and I know I'm speaking for all the Electrical Workers of the State, to commend our president,

Brother Sherman Day, for doing a wonderful job. He was our president for several years up until last year when he asked to be relieved of the job, but when election came around last fall in September he was voted in again by a unanimous ballot. He is a member of the Local Branch Unit of 949 here in Minot.

North Dakota has a big future ahead as does the IBEW and the Electrical Workers' Council and I can assure you that every effort will be made to better the conditions for the electrical workers of the State.

Submitted by:

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714 and Secy-Treas., North
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Giant Generator for St. Louis Power Plant

L. U. 1, ST. LOUIS, MO.—Like the housewife's stew, this month's story will be made up of "leftovers" that we've been trying to find space for . . . until now they are taking up the entire space.

In Operation Big Lift, the second generator of the Meramec River Power plant job was delivered and put on its temporary base in about an hour. One of the heaviest loads ever to move into this area, it arrived on a flat car weighing 106,500 pounds. It was made especially for Westinghouse Electric Company to carry this type of machinery.

The car left the Westinghouse Pittsburgh plant November 20 and 13 days later arrived in St. Louis—a distance of 620 miles. Because of the size and heavy load, the car moved only by day and side-tracked at night.

The first generator for this job was shipped in two pieces. The rotor and stator on separate cars, since a special freight car was not available at that time.

The total weight of car and all blocking was more than 600,000 pounds. The generator measures 12 feet in diameter and over 30 feet in length. Since the second unit generator is a sealed package unit, it does not require as many man hours to set it up, and also the manufacturing and shipping time were trimmed.

The arrival of the second unit generator and its component parts marked a big step toward the completion of this unit. It brings nearer the time when this unit will go on the line with the first to make a total of over one quarter of a million kilowatts generated.

Largely because of its central location in the grain belt, St. Louis is a large grain handling city. Grain shipped via the Missouri and Mississippi rivers, is stored in elevators which dot the shores of the two great waterways. Numerous elevators such as the one pictured, are located on various railroad sidings in other parts of the city and county.

These structures are the result of man's engineering and building skill. To build these modern elevators requires pouring concrete on a 24-hour schedule. Sliding forms are used and are raised with hydraulic jacks. This, of course, requires the services of Electrical Workers on three shifts while the concrete work is in operation. The pay is regular construction pay for eight hours Monday through Friday, with double time for the second and third shift and on Saturday and Sunday. This is divided by three for each man's total wages per week.

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The elevator pictured is being built for the Elam Grain Company by the Fruin-Colnon Construction Co. of St. Louis at an estimated cost of \$2,750,000.

Several years ago, St. Louis was fortunate in receiving an increase in the volume of natural gas piped here from Louisiana, Texas and other gas-producing states. This enabled Laclede Gas Co. the only suppliers of gas to homes and industry in this area, to extend gas heating to many new customers.

Since that time, Laclede Gas has been extending old lines and installing new lines and hopes soon to be able to offer natural gas to every home in St. Louis and St. Louis County.

One of the problems facing the company is adequate gas storage space. Alert to new methods, the company now is experimenting with underground storage. In their experiments, they are testing underground natural rock formations that will absorb gas for storage, yet be readily accessible for use.

The Electrical Worker has played a big part in the expansion of the gas utility company. Our men have connected the electrical systems of approximately 120,000 gas heating systems in homes in our area.

Laclede Gas expects to have sufficient storage space by next winter to enable every home to enjoy the benefits of natural gas heat. This clean, convenient and inexpensive fuel is happily anticipated in thousands of homes now using other fuels.

Many large high-pressure boilers are also being converted to gas . . . and this will mean many more jobs for members of Local No. 1.

FRANK G. KAUFFMAN, P. S.

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Is It Recession or Just an Adjustment?

L. U. 3, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Are we having a "recession" or just a seasonal slow down or perhaps a readjustment period? That is the question that is being tossed back and forth with plenty of acrimony as this letter is being written. Call it what you like, the fact remains that unemployment, which we are told by high authority is not serious, is on the increase. Say what we will, unemployment is always serious to the unemployed even though they have unemployment insurance to cushion its bad effects.

We all know that even in the best of times there are always some unemployed due to normal turnover of one sort or another. Our own trade loses considerable time as a result of bad weather. In addition to that at the present time we are being deprived of considerable work because of the curtailment of the Government's housing plans. True President

Eisenhower has recommended that the number of units to be built yearly be increased from 20,000 to 35,000 but don't forget that he also appointed the former lobbyist of the real estate groups, that oppose this housing, as head man of the Government's housing administration. Which way will he lean in making decisions?

If we remember correctly at the time the former Administration planned to build 75,000 units per year, it was claimed that even this number would not supply the need for replacement of obsolescent homes without considering the increased demand for homes resulting from the increase in our population.

The point we were trying to make and almost forgot through tying in unemployment with the curtailment of the housing program, was that the time for opening many agreements is close at hand. Many of these agreements do not have provisions for spreading the work available in times of unemployment. The time to make such provisions is before the trouble arises and one of the simplest methods is to arrange for reducing the number of hours the individual works, per day, to spread the work among more individuals. Yes, we mean the "Six Hour Day—Thirty Hour Week" which we have advocated since the late depression years. It is better that four men have three quarters of a loaf each than for three to have a whole loaf each and the fourth to go hungry.

The pot is beginning to boil in Washington, D. C. legislative halls but it is still hard to tell, at this time, whether they will cook up something we can get our teeth into or whether it will just be a lot of hot water. The 14 proposed amendments to the Taft-Hartley Law are certainly a long way from those suggested by organized labor. When the President proposed Government supervised strike polls our new Secretary of Labor, Mitchell, didn't think much of the idea but it wasn't long before he had changed his mind and was all for it. From that you may judge how much of a "LABOR" secretary he is. Remember too that the National Association of Manufacturers, as per a news item of January 4, 1954, feel that the T-H Law is too weak now and should be strengthened. Something else to remember is that we now have a businessmen's administration in control of the Government, so give sharp heed to those who are Labor's friends.

FREDERICK V. EICH, P. S.

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Dinner for 13 Graduate Apprentices

L. U. 6, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.—The San Francisco Joint Apprentice-

ship and Training Committee for the Electrical Industry (Inside Wireman) sponsored a dinner on December 10, 1953 for 13 graduating apprentices, who had completed their training and are now journeyman inside wiremen.

This eventful dinner took place at one of San Francisco's well-known Italian Restaurants, Veneto's, in a section of San Francisco commonly known as Little Italy, a short distance from San Francisco's famous Fishermen's Wharf. Honored at this dinner were the following apprentices: Alvin R. Tura, Robert B. Apocatos, Richard R. Hall, Milton M. Lipman, Jr., Raymond D. Zarker, Sinclair Johnson, Jr., Charles Laurence, Frank Schlaich, Evans G. Sulme, Thomas E. Hall, Rudolph DeMay, Herbert C. Johnson and Maurice J. O'Connor, Jr.

Mr. Ed Lynch, (electrical contractor) chairman of the Joint Apprenticeship Committee acted as master of ceremonies for this eventful occasion. Guests attending were: O. G. Harbak, International Vice President, O. A. Rieman, International Representative, Dr. Herbert Clish, Superintendent of Schools, O. D. Adams, Assistant Superintendent, Arthur Stewart, Apprentice Instructor, D. Walfron, Principal, Joe Clisham, Board of Education, Archie Mooney, Secretary, California Apprenticeship Council, James Steele, Area Supervisor, Charles F. Hanna, Assistant Chief Division of Apprenticeship Standards, George Muldoon, Division of Apprenticeship Standards, Charles J. Foehn, Business Manager, Local Union No. 6, and Secretary Joint Apprenticeship Committee, Ernest F. Ferrari, Business Representative Local Union No. 6 and Apprentice Coordinator.

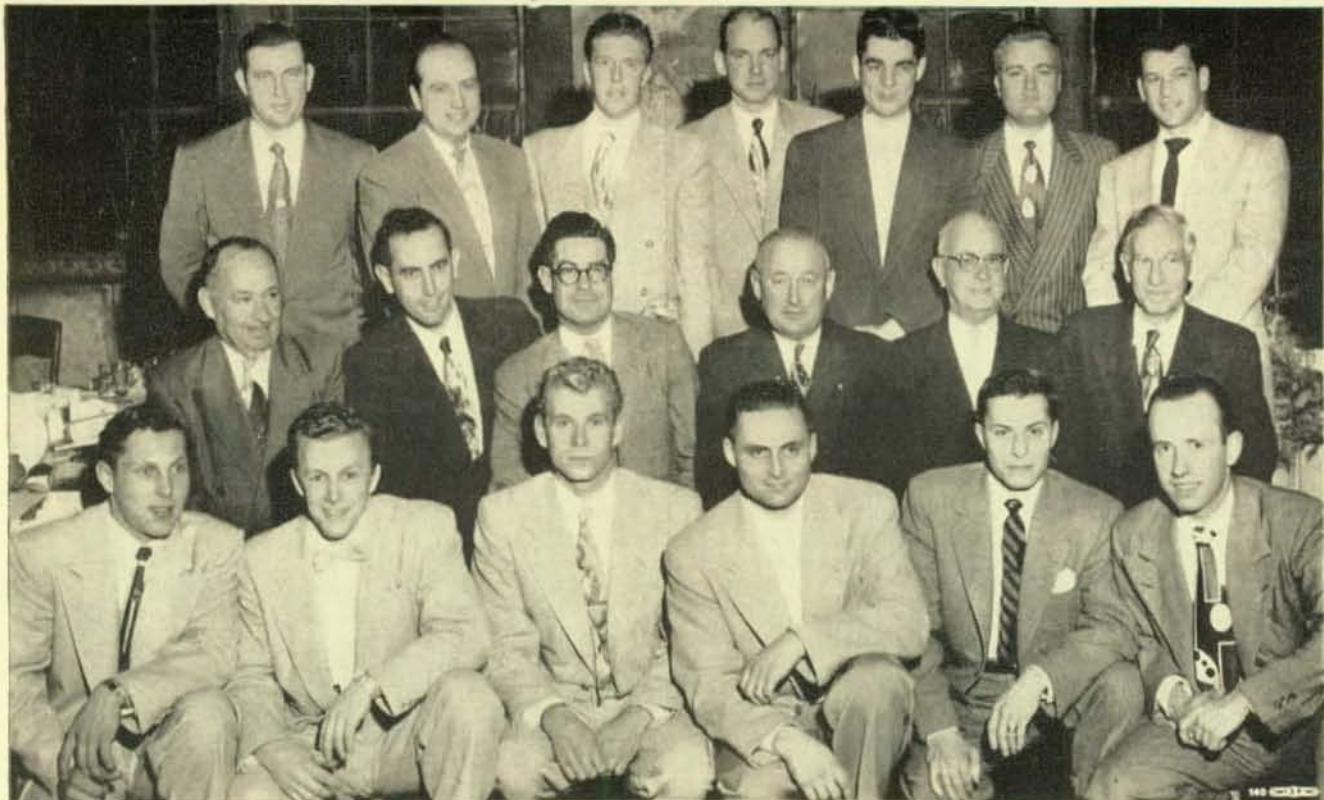
Representing Management were: William Varley, Business Manager, San Francisco Electrical Contractors Association, Emil J. Weber, President of the San Francisco Electrical Contractors Association, Warren Smith, Electrical Contractor and member of the Joint Apprenticeship Committee, W. H. Diederichsen, Business Manager, Local No. 617, S. E. Rockwell, Business Manager, Local No. 595, M. Snyder, Chairman, Inside Wireman Unit No. 1, Local No. 6 and the following State Assemblmen, Charles W. Meyers, Thomas A. Maloney, William C. Berry, and George D. Collins.

Speakers for the occasion were E. Lynch, O. Harbak, A. Mooney, William Varley, Dr. H. Clish and C. J. Foehn.

Assisting Archie Mooney in the presentation of trade certificates and gifts were: E. F. Ferrari, J. Clisham, and C. J. Foehn.

The graduating apprentices chose Milton M. Lipman as their speaker to thank the Joint Apprenticeship Committee for their untiring help during their training. This, the first gradu-

Graduates of Local 6, San Francisco



Officers of the Joint Apprenticeship Committee of San Francisco joined recently with members of Local 6 in extending congratulations to the local's 13 graduating apprentices. Shown in first row, from left: Apprentices Maurice J. O'Conner, Jr.; Alvin Tura; Thomas Hall; Richard Hall; Charles Laurence; Raymond B. Zarker, and Rudolph De May. Second row: Ernest F. Ferrari, Business Representative, Local 6, Apprentice Coordinator; Warren Smith, Electrical Contractor, Member of the Joint Apprenticeship Committee; Edward Lynch, Electrical Contractor, Chairman of the Joint Apprenticeship Committee; Charles J. Foehn, Business Manager, Local 6, President of the Board of Education; William Varley, Business Manager, San Francisco Electrical Contractors' Association, and Joseph Clisham, Board of Education, Coordinator and Member Local 6. Third row: Apprentices Milton Lipman, Jr.; Sinclair Johnson, Jr.; Herbert Johnson; Robert Apocatos; Evans G. Sulme, and Frank Schlaich.

ating apprentice dinner given by the Joint Apprenticeship Committee, will long be remembered as a very eventful and successful finale by the graduating apprentices and all others present.

C. J. FOEHN, B. M.

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Heavy Unemployment In Toledo Area

L. U. 8, TOLEDO, OHIO—Anyone who could get a lion and a lamb to sit down at the same table peaceably would have performed a so-called miracle. One of those so-called miracles happened in our fair city when a new organization called the Toledo Industrial Development Council was created. The representatives of the A.F.ofL., Chamber of Commerce, C.I.O., and Retail Merchants formed this new organization with the idea of attracting new business to this city. The fact that there are some 17,000 people out of work had a lot to do with the forming of this group.

Toledo is more or less dependent on the auto industry, and when that



Officers attending the graduation ceremonies (from left): Arthur Stewart, Apprentice Instructor; Dr. Herbert Clish, Superintendent of Schools; Charles J. Foehn, President, Board of Education and Business Manager; Joseph Clisham, Board of Education, Coordinator and Member, Local 6, and O. D. Adams, Assistant Superintendent of Schools.

grows up unemployment figures jump. Incidentally the Government's cutback in materials of warfare increased the total.

It is believed that the parts of a community most interested in seeking new industries are those who will gain the greatest economic benefits from its growth. These are the wage earners, who wish greater job op-

portunities with more stable employment, and retail business seeking more business. The Council is headed by men who represent these groups, Richard Gosser of the C.I.O., Franz Berlacher of the A.F.ofL., Michael Yamin of the Retail Merchants group, plus Charles Ide of the Toledo Edison Company.

Speaking for labor, Mr. Gosser

made a sweeping pledge to eliminate jurisdictional fights, not to compete among themselves to organize new industries which come to Toledo, and not to make unreasonable wage demands which would get their payrolls out of line on new industries or old ones which under take expansion.

Getting off to a good start, the newly formed council appointed a Mr. William Batt, Jr., as executive secretary. Mr. Batt was formerly a special assistant to the United States Secretary of Labor.

Work in this city is beginning to taper off in all phases of the construction industry. We have enjoyed unusual prosperity for so long that some of our members thought it would last forever, and at that it might have continued for quite a while if there were no change in the powers that be in our National Capital. We will try and keep you informed as to what results are gotten by the new council. Until our next news chat sometime in the future we wish all in the Brotherhood the best of luck.

BILL CONWAY, R. S.

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Largest Raise in Area History Granted

L. U. 9, CHICAGO, ILL.—The largest known raise ever granted members of Local 9, I.B.E.W., employed by the Chicago Transit Authority, formerly Chicago Surface Lines and Chicago Rapid Transit Company, has just been granted by an Arbitration Award.

John S. Boyle, former State's Attorney of Illinois, was the neutral arbitrator, with Frank A. Benner, our business manager, representing the union and Werner Schroeder, representing the Chicago Transit Authority.

The increase granted was 30 cents per hour for journeymen and foremen and 12.4 percent for all other classifications. Sixteen cents of the 30 cents

increase is retroactive to June 1, 1953—five cents January 1, 1954—five cents June 1, 1954 and four cents January 1, 1955.

On December 9, 1953, a show and dance held at Local Union No. 1031's hall, was made possible by Frank Darling and Frank A. Benner, (business managers of Local 1031 and Local 9, respectively) and was enjoyed by between 2,500 and 3,000 members and friends of Local Union 9, I.B.E.W. The committee did a commendable job long to be remembered by those that attended. We all look forward to seeing you Brother Darling, next holiday season.

The Union Eye Care Center, Chicago's labor-owned medical cooperative for complete eye service, rounds out its second year in November. More than 10,000 patients will be enrolled by the end of the second year, reports Dr. M. L. Stillerman, M.D., the medical director. Of these, nearly 250 have been able to use the center because of Local 9. Both members and their families are eligible for service in the private plan. They receive a thorough medical eye examination, careful vision test, and they have the advantage of the non-profit optical laboratory which is part of the center.

Dr. Stillerman also reports that the center is achieving one of its chief objectives in this way: During the year 26 percent of the patients examined have been told that they do not need glasses or a change of glasses. It was because so many trade union members were being sold glasses they did not need that local trade unions decided in 1951 to set up their own program. Another achievement is the detection of serious eye troubles which "quickie" examinations often fail to do. In the two years of service, center eye specialists have revealed more than 65 cases of glaucoma which were unknown to the patients themselves. This disease is rated as America's No. 1 sight killer.

Honor Veteran of Local 11



After being guest at a fine steak dinner, Brother Walter A. Forbes (front row, third from left) is presented with a handsome watch by Acting Steward Ed Marquart on behalf of the 44 members present from Local 11 at the C. F. Braun Co., Alhambra, Calif. Brother Forbes, now in his 73rd year, first joined the I.B.E.W. 53 years ago and ends a long and colorful career in good health and with the warm friendship of his fellow workers.

Three potentially fatal tumors have also been discovered. The importance of a *medical* eye service is thus emphasized.

The center is supported by 70 local unions of both major affiliations, with an estimated 80,000 members. More locals are joining all the time. Our membership is not participating to its full potential. The only way in which an organization of this type can succeed and progress is in two ways: 1. Larger registration by the members and their families. 2. By more locals in the Chicago area joining the Eye Care Co-op, especially the I.B.E.W. locals.

Call or write Union Eye Care Center, 343 South Dearborn Street, Suite 210, Chicago 4, Illinois, and have a representative of the center attend your union meeting and give you the details of benefits and services offered and membership cost. I'll assure, you will get a lot of information in 10 to 15 minutes.

As a reminder to L. U. 9 members, especially the new ones, all you have to do to register is call the office and have Brother Frank Benner send you a registration card.

NICK BURKARD, P. S.

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Largest Inter-nation Power Exchange

L. U. 17, DETROIT, MICH.—I wish to call the attention of our Brotherhood to the Detroit Edison and Ontario Hydro electric power inter-connection at Delray-Windsor and Marysville-Sarnia, the largest international power exchange in the world.

Many years of international negotiation and planning were required by both utilities and their respective governments before this inter-connection became possible. A number of legal and governmental problems had to be solved requiring both state and Federal authorization. These inter-connections required a special Act of Congress clarifying application of the Federal Power Act, separate permits signed by President Eisenhower, the Federal Power Commission, the United States Corps of Engineers, the Civil Aeronautics Authority, and the Michigan Public Service Commission. Similar authorization had to be obtained by the Ontario Hydro from Canadian governmental and regulatory bodies.

At the completion of these negotiations, towers were built for the interconnection. The crossing towers are 302 feet high with several anchor towers 200 feet high. The two ground wires are extra high strength 7/16 steel and the line conductors are 636 M.C.M.A.C.S.R. A wire at a time was secured to the anchor tower on the United States side and to the 302 foot crossing tower. The reel was loaded

onto a waiting tug. The tug churned forward passing the wire over a barge anchored 200 feet offshore to protect wire from underwater obstructions. As the tug neared the Canadian shore a landing barge took the loop of the wire and unreeled it shoreward. The wire was passed through pulleys on the Canadian crossing and anchor towers and pulled to sag by a tractor. This process was repeated for the other conductors. This was a remarkable feat as these aerial links of the power ties were built across one of the world's busiest waterways, the Detroit and St. Clair river sections of the passage between Lakes Huron and Erie. This was accomplished at the height of the shipping season without interruption of traffic, which averaged one vessel every 15 minutes. The Delray-Windsor link was made on August 31, 1953, the length of main span is 2,386 feet with a water clearance of 183 feet. The Marysville-Sarnia link was completed on September 14, 1953, the length of main span is 2,320 feet with a water clearance of 177 feet. The line voltage is 120,000 volts.

These inter-connections are an important example of international co-operation in the interests of economy, defense, power reserve and the mutual strengthening and balancing of electric power supply. In the event of a major emergency, equipment failure, sabotage or enemy bombing, all available resources may be pooled to protect essential civilian and defense electric power services.

The economical advantage of these ties are as follows: during high water periods, Ontario Hydro will supply electrical energy to the Detroit Edison, thereby conserving coal in the United States. In periods of low water, power will be delivered to Ontario Hydro during night and weekend periods when the load on the Edison system is low. This will permit the Canadian system to accumulate water above its dams for use in generating power in the daytime high load hours.

At the completion of each crossing a ceremony was held which was attended by representatives from both utilities and local, state, provincial, and Federal governments.

Beside the tie with Ontario Hydro to the east, Detroit Edison has three inter-connections with its next door neighbor, Consumers Power. One of these is to the north between the Lapeer and Flint areas; one is to the west between Ypsilanti and Jackson; and the third is to the south between Monroe and Erie. The Edison Company has interchange arrangements with the Ford Motor Company and City of Detroit.

Our Union-Management Safety Committee is a rotating committee. Al Fox of Fenkel warehouse and Ralph Howry of Mt. Clemens warehouse are retiring. James Dinning of Royal Oak warehouse and Ted Sienko of the Ecorse warehouse are appointed to fill these two vacancies. We express our thanks to Brothers Fox and Howry for their contributions to this very successful committee.

JULIUS OTTEN, P. S.

Improvements in Local Pension Plan

L. U. 18, LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—Since nowadays the problem of adequate pensions for those who are forced to retire are very much in the news, I thought our members might be interested in the latest improvements in our local plan. Through the efforts of this local union the retirement benefits of the retirement plan in effect at the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power have been increased substantially effective January 1, 1954.

In this area there are three other comparable retirement plans in effect for employees of governmental jurisdictions. The County of Los Angeles, the State of California, and City Departments other than Water and Power, all have separate retirement plans and, during the past fifteen years, have improved their respective plans several times by increasing the benefits to retiring employees. In the same period of time, the Water and Power Plan has also been improved but in much smaller degree,

At Unique Power Exchange



A view of one of the 302 foot interconnection towers at Delray-Windsor and Marysville-Sarnia, the largest international power exchange in the world, in the jurisdiction of Local 17, Detroit, Mich. Below are the tower personnel of the Detroit Edison Company; (from left) W. Berryman; H. Peake; R. Yeargan; H. Miller; D. Bissell, E. Erickson; R. Shannon; R. McDonald; A. Schrader; H. Mahar; R. Lundeen; Wm. Berryman; J. Shannon; H. Holton; P. Carmody; J. Miller; V. Slomczenski; G. Wagonjack; H. Lorenze; M. Wider; H. Barnhouse; R. Hallgren; D. Hart; R. Ernest; J. Burke; L. Weismiller. Not present: W. Wolf; F. Green; R. Woods; L. Tompsett; P. Peake.

so that for several years past the retirement benefits of the Water and Power Plan have been substantially smaller than those other plans.

For the past four years this local union has had a committee of members whose work has been successful in securing a number of minor improvements to the plan, but during the past year, with the assistance and guidance of a practicing actuary retained for the purpose, the committee undertook to achieve the major changes necessary to make the retirement benefits of the Water and Power Plan comparable with those of the other governmental plans.

The principal cause of the difference in benefits was the difference in the method of calculating the benefits. The County, the State and the City Hall each used what the actuaries call a "final pay" type of plan, which bases benefits for each year of service on the average of wages for the best three or five years, while the Water and Power used a "money purchase" type of plan, which bases the benefits for each year of service on the wages earned in that year.

Obviously, after the inflationary period we have had, the benefits for the low wage-rate years based on the low wages would be much less than the benefits for those same years if based on the average of the highest wages over a three or five year period. Our committee succeeded in getting the Water and Power Plan amended so that now retirement benefits for all years of service since the plan went into effect are calculated on the average of the highest consecutive five-year wages.

Retirement benefits for service prior to the effective date of the plan are also increased proportionately.

The net result of these changes is to increase the retirement benefits of the Water and Power Plant an average of close to 50 per cent above what the same conditions of service and wages produced prior to December 31, 1953. The minimum pension benefits have been increased, also, to five dollars per month for each year of total service. Now 20 years of service produces a minimum pension of \$100.00 per month, 25 years \$125.00 per month, 30 years, \$150.00 per month, 40 years \$200.00 per month. There is no ceiling on this minimum.

This is a significant, major victory for Local Union 18. It is clear to all directly concerned that the betterments secured would not have been obtained at this time or probably for years to come, except for the union.

E. P. TAYLOR, B. M.

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Local 22 Reaches Peak Employment

L. U. 22, OMAHA, NEBRASKA—Work in this area has been plentiful

the past year because of several large projects that started during 1953. The largest project, the Allied Chemical plant is at the peak of employment at the present time and the two power plants under construction should be in operation in the spring.

Time for contract negotiation is getting closer and we can rest assured that our business manager and Executive Board will be in there pitching. We should realize that these rate increases and better working conditions are not just handed out without opposition. We feel these Brothers should be praised for the time, effort and results shown in the past years.

The Apprenticeship Program is going along nicely and with good results. We have turned out 10 new journeymen in the past few months and know these boys are an asset to the trade and the local union.

Our annual winter party on January 23rd was a big success. A very fine steak dinner, a good orchestra and plenty of refreshments. The party committee deserves a vote of thanks for a very fine job of arranging the party. Members brought their wives or girl friends, and I am sure everyone had a good time.

E. M. HEMMINGSON, P. S.

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Adverse Md. Weather Slows Construction

L. U. 28, BALTIMORE, MD.—Hi fellows! Another month has rolled around and it is time for you to receive your ELECTRICAL WORKER, and I know you will be thumbing through the pages to see if your respective local is listed under "Local lines," so we again try to keep Local Union 28 ever present.

Have been wanting to get down to the Bowling Alleys to visit with Brother John Franz, and his league, but weather conditions have made me stay home in the evenings rather than make the 50-mile round trip; however, in the next issue I promise a full resume of the standings and happenings of the Bowling League.

I have noticed a lot of advertisement lately about life beginning at 40. If this be true, I wonder why so many people take so long to pass 39.

Another item that baffles me is the literature telling us that exercise will keep us slender. If this be true, why is it so many women have double chins.

While driving home from work the other evening, I was listening to a news commentator and he quoted the following, "The trouble with marriage is that so many girls get swept off their feet and then don't want anything to do with a broom." I wonder if he is talking from experience.

Well so much for foolishness.

Weather conditions in and around Baltimore have brought construction work almost to a halt and I understand that there are a few of our local men out of work, but from all reports this condition will be short lived for Spring and fair weather promises to bring work back to normal with everybody working and happy again.

Spring will not only put everybody back to work but will send a lot of us down to the shore on weekends to get the boats and fishing tackle ready for vacation use, which goes to prove that every cloud has a silver lining.

I just read the other evening that there are 59 hidden taxes in a pair of shoes. Brother! No wonder my feet hurt.

So as the day shall come to an end, so shall this little note (and that probably makes you happy). We will close this month as usual with a quotation by someone who has a lot more brains than yours truly. The quotation this month is taken from Railroads LABOR paper, and quoted by a man named Thompson. "Peace is the happy natural state of man; War, his corruption, his disgrace."

A. S. ANDERSON, P. S.

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Tragic Death on Lima, Ohio, Project

L. U. 32, LIMA, OHIO—Mournfully we report the accidental death of our friend and Brother Robert J. Heinrich, 26 years old, who met with a tragic death while working on the Standard Oil Refinery Job in Lima, January 7, 1954. Our deep sympathy goes to his widow, three fine little daughters, his Mother and all his dear ones. The following Brothers are sick and unable to work. Brother Bill Stumbaugh has been suffering from an injured hand for a long time. E. E. Bowers is in the University Hospital at Ann Arbor, Michigan, having trouble with his eyes. Shorty Curtis (Charlie Paulsen's old friend) is in the Soldiers and Sailors Home in Sandusky, Ohio. Charlie Lusk is back with us after being hospitalized with dental sickness. Best wishes and a speedy recovery to all our sick friends and Brothers.

Our work is holding out O.K.—but often times we are in need of honest-to-goodness linemen who want to work. It is disgusting sometimes to hear what some card-carrying members expect, coming through here and asking for work, either inside or outside. How absolutely unreasonable can some of them be? Not for long, Brothers. Trends are changing, and they will have to change too.

To so many who have known nothing but taking full advantage of hard-fought-for union benefits without

ever doing anything for the union itself, except just holding their ticket and doing a lot of griping, who hardly ever attend any union meeting, who are not registered to vote, or don't vote if they are etc.—I have this message. We are not merely individuals. We are social beings with social obligations. We have a duty to form ideas which take into account our relationship with our fellow human beings; the duty to base our actions on motives that look to the common good of all as well as particular advantages that might come to ourselves alone, as Union members.

This is why we must be interested in union organization, collective bargaining, proper and adequate social legislation, the establishing and correct functioning of what are called "institutions," both public and private, which go beyond isolated individual action, and place upon us the responsibility to work together in union with our fellowmen. This is sound labor union philosophy. What practical application can be made in regard to it? How does it touch you in your daily life? Let's reduce it to a concrete example: You are a worker. You belong to a union. You work eight hours a day instead of 10, 12 or 14, as was the case before the trade union movement became a strong influence in the industrial life of America. You are covered by a pension, by welfare benefits; you have Social Security. You have a fairly smoothly working grievance procedure which gives you a voice in complaints regarding conditions of work. You get good wages, premium time for overtime, mostly doubletime pay as you get for working on Sunday and holidays. You enjoy a hundred and one advantages that were unknown before the long struggle for the rights of union recognition was brought to a successful conclusion.

But you do not participate in any way in your union affairs or activities. You are content to reap the harvest of benefits which have been sown in the seeds of sacrifice and suffering by many who have gone before you and others who are actively engaged in union work today. There are those who are not even union members who work in plants. They are the "free riders" who work under the benefits of a collective bargaining agreement that does not provide for the union shop. If you are content to accept and enjoy all the various benefits that have come to you as a worker through the medium of union organization, while you contribute little or nothing, refuse to take an active part in your own labor movement—you are a parasite. You are a chiseler.

If your sense of social responsibility is at so low an ebb that you greedily share in these benefits of union organization but refuse even to participate to the extent of accept-

ing union membership, you should reflect on the meaning of the words, "selfrespect." You are frustrating the lessons that labor union doctrine attempts to teach.

Workers, organized and united, working together in a common cause, can and do perfect their own personalities in a way that cannot be done merely by individual action. That is what a union is meant to do. If you do not derive that benefit from union organization, check up on yourself and see whether or not an excessive spirit of individualism may not be playing too big a part in your own life.

E. B. MEYER, B. M.

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Scenic Tour of Fla. Everglades

L. U. 43, SYRACUSE, N. Y.—Since my last contribution to "Local Lines" written just before leaving Miami, I connected my "hitch" and moved on to the west coast of Florida with my first stop in Fort Myers where I visited the memorial to the father of our trade, Thomas A. Edison. The drive from Miami was along the famous Tamiami Trail which cuts through the Everglades—that vast trackless water wilderness which lies in the south central part of Florida and extends from Lake Okeechobee on the north to practically the extreme southern tip of Florida. About 2,000 square miles of this area—extending about 45 miles north from Cape Sable along the Gulf of Mexico and 50 miles east along the Bay of Florida to a line 10 to 15 miles north of the Tamiami Trail, has been set aside as a national park and is now in process of development. This is the most truly tropical portion of the mainland of the United States and includes a portion of the Big Cypress Swamp and broad grassy meadows or savannas—as they are called here, intermingled with pine and palm hammocks, salt meadows and, on the lower coasts, giant mangrove forests.

Drainage canals have been cut through parts of the area and the Tamiami Trail parallels one of these canals for nearly 50 miles, through a very picturesque section of the national park. Where drainage has been established, excellent produce farming has been developed that supplies much of the year-around supply of vegetables that are shipped to the northern markets. Along the Trail—which is a first class hard surfaced highway, Seminole villages of palm-thatched huts have been built by the more enterprising Indians who charge a small fee to inspect the villages and see their exhibits of native wild animals.

And now back to Fort Myers—the "City of Palms" where royal palms

line its streets and exotic flowers bloom in profusion! Thomas A. Edison made Fort Myers his winter home from 1886 until the time of his death in 1931 and on his estate along the broad Caloosahatchee River conducted many of his early experiments in electric lighting. In the low wooden laboratories are preserved the countless thousands of fibers with their accompanying records of tests and experiments that were examined by him in the search to find a substance that could be used as a filament in the electric light bulb. He finally succeeded in forming a carbon filament from a piece of bamboo which, when placed in a bulb from which the air had been exhausted, was heated into incandescence—and the first electric light was born and our trade began!

A visit to west Florida would be incomplete without a visit to the circus museum and the winter quarters of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus in Sarasota. The display of old circus wagons in the museum and the daily rehearsals of the animals and performers brought back many happy memories when, as a boy, I carried water for elephants and other animals of the circus in exchange for a general admission ticket!

If my little journey did nothing more than to acquaint me with some of the problems faced by our Brother workers in sections of the country other than our own, it would be well worth while. Here in Florida the thorn in the flesh of the local union is the much debated "Tom Watson" law which, theoretically at least, denies the employer the right to refuse employment to an applicant who is not a member of the union serving that industry or occupation. Here in Tampa it has resulted in the Electrical Contractors Association canceling its agreement with the local union on the pretense that the agreement is in conflict with the law and thus subjects the employer to prosecution under that law. Local Union 108 ably represented by Business Manager A. W. Schmidt and Assistants Day and West, is in the process of resolving the difficulty. Pending the results of their efforts I have not been able to deposit my card and, instead, am absorbing the Florida sun and feasting on oranges.

BILL NIGHT, P. S.

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Calls Attendance No. 1 Problem

L. U. 48, PORTLAND, ORE.—It sure feels good to get back home once again. Your Scribe has been working out of town all summer and has missed all of the local activities up to date.

Our Annual Picnic was held at

Paradiso Park and activity was plentiful throughout the day. One of the largest crowds was present to take part in games and winning prizes at the drawings. The committee which consisted of Brothers Bill Brust, Bill Munnings, Marvin Watt, Reid Connell and William Suckow did a wonderful job and was congratulated.

After attending the last local union meeting I see that we still have the Number 1 problem—ATTENDANCE. Where is everyone? Why don't you attend union meetings? A committee has been appointed and a program worked out to further interest in our meetings. A \$25 Bond will be given away each meeting as a door prize; also, other prizes will be given away as months go by.

At the regular quarterly meetings a junior jackpot prize will be given away. A member is given tickets and he must hold two tickets to become eligible. The big jackpot will be given away at the December meeting and a member must hold three tickets by attending three union meetings previously held.

E. L. KELLAS, P. S.

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Apprentice Program is Organization Backbone

L. U. 58, DETROIT, MICH.—In the opinion of many people connected with the electrical construction industry in this area, the backbone of our organization is derived from a well-organized apprenticeship system. The policy makers in our apprenticeship program are a group of people referred to as the Joint Apprenticeship

Committee. This committee is made up of equal representation from our local union and the employer's group of our area. The duties and responsibilities of this committee include the following:

1. To determine the need of apprentices in our locality.
2. To determine the need of shop facilities available for acquiring the necessary experience on the job.
3. To establish minimum required standards of education and experience for apprentices in our training program.
4. To define the prerequisites and qualifications of persons applying for apprenticeship training in the electrical construction industry.
5. To place apprentices under agreement with the employer's agent.
6. To determine and be responsible for the quality and quantity of experience which the apprentice must acquire on the job.
7. To hear and adjust all complaints of violation of agreement during the trainee's tenure of apprenticeship.
8. To maintain records indicating progress in related school instruction and work experience.
9. To cooperate with Federal, State, local education institutions for developing a progressive related instruction program.

The members of our Joint Apprenticeship Committee, particularly since World War II, have accomplished a job far beyond their normal requirements. They were instrumental in promoting and purchasing up-to-date

equipment and reference material used to teach related instruction to electrical apprentices at the local Apprentice Training School. They have arranged for an annual graduation testimonial banquet for those apprentices graduating to journeymen. Periodically they step in and promote and organize evening school classes for up-grading journeymen, particularly in skilled job areas where critical labor supply shortages were noticeable.

JOHN MASER, P. S.

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First Fifty Year Man at Youngstown

L. U. 64, YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO—On October 3, 1953, 170 members of Local 64 and their friends, gathered to honor Lloyd Robinson, first Brother to attain 50 years of continuous good standing as a member of IBEW. Brother Robinson, now retired, was personally congratulated by Vice President Gordon Freeman, who presented him with a gold pin and a certificate commemorating the occasion.

The party, held at the El Rio Restaurant, was highlighted by a steak dinner which, needless to say, was thoroughly enjoyed by all those present.

The guest list included Youngstown's most prominent judges, Mayor-Elect Kryzan, International Representative Blankenship, business managers of district locals of IBEW, and business managers from many local building trade unions. Vice President Freeman was the principal speaker of the evening.

The accompanying pictures show Vice President Freeman presenting Brother Robinson with his certificate, and also a view of the banquet room.

WILLIAM D. CHRISTIAN, P. S.

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Battle Rages Over Telephone Boost

L. U. 66, HOUSTON, TEXAS—Greetings Brothers, this is Local 66 from the great city of the southwest reporting to your JOURNAL. Our city is engaged in a legal battle with the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company over an outrageous rate increase. The citizens won the first round when our City Council refused any increase, but the courts issued an injunction which, in effect, allowed the telephone company to raise the rates as they saw fit. This turned out to be to the tune of a 37 percent increase, yet during the City Council hearings of the case, Southwestern Bell claimed they were receiving something less than two percent short of what would be considered a fair return. To me this means the rate in-

Joint Apprenticeship Committee



Joint Apprenticeship Committee representing Local 58 and the Detroit Chapter of the National Electrical Contractors' Association in session. Standing: John Maser, instructor; Jack Hillock, Local 58 and chairman. Seated: Robert Rushford, Local 58; John P. Uetz, Contractors' Association and secretary of committee; Carl J. Schoeninger, Contractors' Association; Marshal G. Pearce, Contractors' Association; Frank C. Riley, Local 58; Ed T. McCarthy, Local 58, and Francis F. Tufts, Contractors' Association.

Golden Jubilarian in Youngstown



Members of Local 64, Youngstown, Ohio, gathered recently to pay their respects to retiring members, Lloyd Robinson, who is the local's first 50-year man. Scenes of the banquet are shown above and below left and at right, Vice President Gordon Freeman presents the certificate to Brother Robinson.



crease was at least 95 percent too much. I believe in a fair return for everyone's investment because that is the economic system that has allowed us to become such a great and wealthy country, but it is our responsibility to see that our present standard of living is not lowered in order that some may receive outrageous profits.

I would like to make an appeal to any local that has found an effective means of getting us members to attend regular meetings. We are having a very poor attendance and it is my belief that something must be done to gain the interest of our members. Occasionally when we are working on a wage contract or having an election of union officers, we have a fair attendance, but for a consistent attendance that is necessary to keep an organization alive, for an attendance that is essential for organizations to achieve the aims and purposes for which it was founded, we are falling short. How can we be

members of an organization that has contributed so much to our present standard of living and yet become so slack in giving our support? We hope that during the New Year we have a much better attendance record.

At our last regular meeting we had the pleasure of having Brother Don Kennard, an assistant to our District Vice President, speak on the prospects and economic picture for the New Year. We welcomed his visit and hope to hear from him again soon.

Work in our district is still slow and we still have quite a few of our men on the loafing list. We have had several calls from other districts asking about the Houston World's Fair and if there is any work here. We would like to say for the benefit of those on loafing lists of other locals that there is, at this time, no work available and there is nothing definite about the Houston World's Fair.

R. R. ANSLEY, P. S.

Work Slow Before Summer Pick-up

L. U. 67, QUINCY, ILL.—Time flies, they say, and that is just what has happened to me in regard to my letter for *THE WORKER*. Conditions over which I had no control have caused me to miss the past two months, but now that I am able to get back on the job again to write I will do the best I can for this time.

As I have mentioned before, I must write so far ahead in order to be on hand with my letter, that it is sometimes difficult to find a good subject to write on. Of course, everyone likes to hear there is plenty of work, but here in Quincy at the present time it is not too good, although as the summer months begin to approach, building will begin and I think everyone will be happy.

The winter here this year has not been too severe so that work had to

be stopped, it was mostly the shortage of materials for the different jobs, but shipping has been going along at a very good rate, and I do not think there was much time lost.

During the month of March we find one day that should be mentioned, that is the 17th, which is, of course, St. Patrick's Day—that is the day for "The Wearin' Of The Green," and I do believe that everyone has a good time on that day, especially with the parties and dances.

I would like to take this space to thank all of the Brothers who have written me regarding some different subjects I wrote about, asking for information, and I may say I have either answered these letters personally or turned them over to someone who could do a better job than I.

Suppose it will not be too long before we can get our garden tools out and start digging gardens and getting things cleaned up for the summer, for a nice garden and lawn makes everything look good around the house. I know I am interested in this, because I have bought a new cottage, and am looking forward to sprucing the outside myself when the weather modifies—it's a four-room cottage and my wife and I are very comfortable.

Well, this is about all for this time, so until later. "don't do anything I would not do."

R. H. LUBBERING, P. S.

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Norfolk Engaged in Slum Clearance

L. U. 80, NORFOLK, VA.—We had hoped to have—in fact, we were promised—some pictures of the many pro-

jects now underway in this section of the Tidewater area. The sadly-needed slum clearance that had earned for this city the distinction of having about twice as much bad housing as any urban area in the country, has been extended and should be nearing completion by the end of 1955, giving Norfolk about a 70 percent much needed, new look. The new tunnel across Hampton Roads is about ready to go and although numerous other projects are about ready, the seasonal drop has pulled immediate work down to about normal at this time.

Our sick list is all clear and all hands are working, thanks be.

Although the political emphasis at present seems to be on progress, we are not naive enough to fail to ask one or two pertinent questions. Will the suggested Government regulation of the strike vote also govern the impositions of big business, or is it still a case of involuntary servitude, regardless of man's inherent freedoms, or which side is actually at fault? Is the contemplated revival of the Public Works Administration (PWA) a premonition of what's to come? Will the lobbyists who poke their noses into every corridor and cloakroom of the Capitol have a more successful year? Teapot Dome or coffee ceiling? They both amount to the same. The editorial of the December issue of our JOURNAL should be read and digested by all as it is most certainly to the point and alerts not only organized labor but all American citizens to one of the foremost evils of the day. We have several clippings before us, the most predominant, however, is of one who also belongs in the same group as old Westbrook Pegler, one David Lawrence from Washington. However, space only allows

us to say this much. The unique "go-between" who deliberately deceives the great, unsuspecting American public is guilty of an act little short of espionage under the haven of free speech and it is the inalienable right of every American citizen to ask: Who pays you and for what? Tell the truth and nothing but the truth, so help you?

J. V. HOCKMAN, P. S.

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Need for Paid Business Manager

L. U. 106, JAMESTOWN, N. Y.—A pre-Christmas meeting was held in keeping with the spirit, and following same a festive board was laid out and well partaken of by a large part of the membership. The activity of the local seems to be pretty much at a standstill at the moment. Mention was made at different intervals to stir up more outside activity such as dances, card parties, raffles and so forth, but it seems that these things have to have some one step in and take charge. Guess everyone is a little too busy?

This month marks the first time since before the war that our local has had a dues increase. This has come about mainly through the finding that a paid business manager is necessary to police our area more thoroughly. In addition expenses are becoming more numerous and increasing so that a larger drain on the treasury takes place, making it necessary for an increase.

Brother Bill McLean has been on the sick list again. It seems a car was turning a corner that Billy had decided to cross from. Having a bit of a strong will, McLean was determined to complete crossing. As a result—one damaged fender, one slightly dented McLean. He was still up and at 'em the other night though, down at the union hall.

It was gratifying to hear of the wonderful way the members responded to their brotherly action on the part of Dick Edgren. All members who took part in this, at home and out of town, are gratefully acknowledged on Dick's behalf.

BEN DAWSON, P. S.

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Prehistoric Relics In Mineral Excavations

L. U. 108, TAMPA, FLORIDA—In a small open air museum at the cross-roads of Florida State Route 60 and 37 in the sleepy little city of Mulberry, Florida, the tourists—if not the residents of the city, are fascinated by a collection of giant skulls, vertebrae and skeletal bones of giant monsters that roamed over the area



Steward and foremen from Local 108, Tampa, on F. S. Royster Super phosphate project in Mulberry, Florida. Left to right: Harold Knight, foreman; Rudy Amsler, general foreman; Jack Englehart, foreman; Henry Bond, steward; Walter Lightsey, foreman, and Peter Tripolino, foreman.

adjacent to Tampa in a period estimated by scientists to have been more than 20,000 years ago. Interspersed with the relics of an age that witnessed the escape of the land from the surrounding ocean, are immense teeth that have been identified as remains of prehistoric sharks or other great salt water fish. These, as well as numerous pieces of fossilized trees, were uncovered in the extensive phosphate beds or mines that are found in this section of Florida and which earn for the area the title of "Phosphate Center of America." For many years, giant drag line excavators have stripped the earth covering from the deposits so that they could be processed into fertilizer used so extensively in the citrus groves and vegetable gardens of this state. The "Tailings" or discarded earth coverings were flung to one side and became great mounds that lined the excavated mine operations in much the same manner as the tailings from strip coal mine operations in the northern states.

Now, however, it has been discovered that these "tailings" are rich in uranium salts so much sought for in this atomic age, and new types of processing plants are being erected to extract the precious element from the refuse where it has lain so many years. Local Union 108 has benefitted greatly from the construction of these plants and this benefit has also extended to many of our traveling Brothers from other locals who, for the first time in a long while have had employment in the sunny clime of Tampa for well into the winter months—a blessing fully recognized and appreciated by them. The electrical work for one of these plants has been performed by the Rollinson Engineering Company of Savannah, Georgia, with journeymen, wiremen and foremen furnished by Local 108 of Tampa. The accompanying photograph taken during the course of construction is of the steward, general foreman and four of the foremen employed on the project.

BILL NIGHT,
*Traveling P. S. from Local 43,
Acting P. S. for L. U. 108.*

Cooperative Effort Wins Wage Increase

L. U. 108, TAMPA, FLA.—Local 108 recently completed negotiations and we are happy to receive an increase, which puts our pay up with most locals in the country. We had quite a time going through negotiations, but everything came out okay. Brother A. W. Schmidt, our business manager has lots of praise for all the fellows who stood by him and the Negotiating Committee. Likewise

Brother Schmidt we have lots of thanks to you for your good work.

We have a Brother who for some time has been doing a fine job visiting our sick and insured members. He is Brother Frank Combs. Frank takes a lot of interest in the fine work he has been doing. I know all the boys who had Frank visit them appreciate his coming to see them. Frank always has a little present to take along as a gift from the local. Most of us always put off going to visit the sick so Frank does his best to make up for the membership. Good work, Frank, keep it up.

To you fellows planning on visiting Tampa, we have a new attraction it is Jai-Alai (you say Hi-Li). It is the world's fastest game. The game is played on a huge indoor court, and the rules are similar to hand ball, but only the rules. It is quite a game to see, Brothers, so when you are in Tampa don't miss seeing a night of Jai Alai (Hi-Li). The huge building the game is played in, is an attraction itself. It is a large auditorium seating 3,500 people. The electrical work was done by Bigby Electric Company. Joe Dempsey, Sr., was foreman on the job. Some of you Cincinnati Brothers might remember Joe.

Since that time Business Manager A. W. Schmidt has completed negotiating our line agreement and has obtained the same amount of raise in that division, and a motor wiring shop agreement. In both cases substantial raises were received.

Well I hope that next month I'll have some more news for the JOURNAL so till then so long.

AL KAISER, P. S.

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Scribe is Appointed Business Manager

L. U. 113, COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.—Words from these parts are very scarce this month. Work is slow and has been for quite some time. It seems to be a little on the up-grade and we have hopes that some day all our local members will be able to return to our jurisdiction.

This lowly scribe has had a very distinct honor given him by the Executive Board of Local Union 113, I.B.E.W., when they placed their confidence and trust in me to carry on the duties of the offices of business manager and financial secretary. This appointment was made at a special Executive Board meeting to fill the vacancy created by Brother Dave Tinling's resignation from these offices to go into the contracting business.

"PETE" COLE, P. S.

Local Stages Yule, Office Warming Parties

L. U. 124, KANSAS CITY, MO.—This month we have two parties to report, each one different in magnitude and objective. The first and largest was Local 124's fourth annual Christmas party held in the Municipal Auditorium which was attended by 6,000 persons. This year for the first time the guests included the residents of three children's schools, the McCune Home for Boys, the Hilltop School for Girls in Independence, and the Crestview School for Girls in Liberty. Another innovation was presents for all the ladies as well as the children. The huge tree, the fine program of entertainment and the distribution of many valuable prizes gave eloquent testimony of the hard work by the Entertainment Committee, Roy Smiley, George Kennard and Tom Cales ably assisted by the business managers and the office girls. All who attended agreed it was the local's biggest and best party.

The other party was more in the nature of a reception given in the local union offices. The guests were the electrical contractors and jobbers of this area to many of whom the mental picture of a labor headquarters had been a large dingy meeting hall with a cubicle for the business manager. Instead they found a modern air-conditioned building housing a clean, commodious meeting hall with a fine public address system, a well-equipped class room for the apprentices, a boardroom comparable to that in an average bank, a marble walled and floored job-assignment room with comfortable chairs and library. Upstairs they found two pleasant suites of offices equipped with the most modern file and business machines manned by eight office girls, and desk room for the financial secretary and the six business managers. Many of the guests had been here often in conferences, but to others the evidence that L.U. 124 had grown up and was capable of doing business in a business way, came as something of a surprise. The party was thoroughly enjoyed by both visitors and hosts, and contributed much good feeling to cement the partnership on all levels of the construction industry.

MARSHALL LEAVITT, P. S.

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Heavy Weather for Portland Crew Men

L. U. 125, PORTLAND, OREGON.—The weatherman in our area was most reasonable until about January 16th when we awoke at the usual time to find six inches of snow on the ground and a promise of more to come. With exception of one crew most of our

600 Attend Local 124 Party



Part of the huge audience that attended the Christmas party of Local 124, Kansas City, Mo., with groups from two industrial schools in the foreground.



Santa Claus and vaudeville acts made the afternoon memorable for the small fry.



men were able to relax and take full advantage of the holiday period. The one crew saw considerable of the white stuff, called snow, when they spent a good many hours wrestling with conductors and insulators on an ice encased tower of a large conductor 230 KV. line at the pinnacle of a 5,000 foot mountain pass in a 40-mile an hour wind and snowstorm.

Many people will face this new year with great apprehension over the unemployment situation and the forecasts for a recession or depression. Call it what you will, it still means hardship to a person who is out of a job. Total unemployment in this area has increased to a point where it places Oregon in top place for the country. We have a number of men on the bench as a result of the drop in construction work. However, we still have two heavy line construction projects underway and, weather permitting, will continue throughout the winter. But don't anyone rush in here expecting to find work as our members have priority on any work here.

Death struck down one of our members, Andy Huling, as the result of shock and burns suffered when he contacted a "bucking transformer" con-

nected to a 69 KV line. Andy was an old time member having joined the union in 1921. This accident should emphatically impress upon everyone the potential danger lurking in this type of installation.

On January 15th, another Brother, John Harris, passed away after suffering a heart attack. John was a member for many years and through those many years served his union faithfully as its President and in other capacities. He was held in high esteem by all who knew him.

It was with considerable concern that labor learned of the resignation of Dr. Paul J. Raver as Administrator of the Bonneville Power Administration effective January 14th, 1954. In addition to building one of the best electric utility systems in the country, the doctor lent his efforts toward establishing good labor relations and through his influence the first signed contract between a labor union and a Government agency was instituted. We regret the loss that his departure will leave but we realize that our loss will result in a big gain for L. U. 77 as Dr. Raver takes over the position of superintendent of Seattle City Light. To show its appreciation of

the splendid cooperation always extended by the doctor and the high esteem in which he is held, the Columbia Power Trades Council held a luncheon in his honor at which time he was presented with a beautiful silver tray engraved with the insignia or emblem of all the member unions.

Electric generation capacity in the Northwest has been increased materially in the past two months with the placing in operation of two hydro electric plants. The federal multipurpose dam and McNary power house on the Columbia River at Umatilla, Oregon has two 70 MW units now in service and one additional generator scheduled for installation every three months for a total of 20 machines. The Yale Plant of the Pacific Power and Light Company located on the upper reaches of the Lewis River in Washington was placed in service with two 50 MW units.

The policy of continuously plugging and pounding away to gain a goal has recently been confirmed. Not that the goal has been reached but considerable progress was made when the U.S. Army Engineers granted a substantial increase in wages to its power plant employees. This was also

confirmation to our members at these locations that their local union representatives and International Officers have been energetically conducting a campaign with the Army people for recognition. You can be sure that the campaign will be continued.

FLOYD D. PARKER, P. S.

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Apprentice Exhibit At AVA Meeting

L. U. 134, CHICAGO, ILL.—During the last week of November, the American Vocational Association held its national meeting at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago. Hundreds of manufacturers whose products are involved in trade and vocational education were represented, and consequently, many of the schools in the Chicago area were also on hand with fine displays illustrative of the skills and techniques being taught in their school.

The Washburne Trade School, which is the Chicago Building Trades apprentice school and is operated by the Chicago Board of Education, offered a particularly live exhibit of the work carried on in the training of our apprentices. The accompanying picture illustrates Local 134's exhibit, which was one of the most attractive displays at the show. Thousands of visitors from all parts of the world showed great interest in our display and our methods of training our electrical apprentices.

Here in Chicago, we feel that we are doing everything possible to present to our electrical apprentices one of the finest training programs available and the enthusiastic interest shown by the many, many people who viewed our exhibit of this training was very gratifying to the people behind this extensive training program.

The instructors of our apprentices wish to convey the fact that our ap-

prentice program's success would not be possible were it not that we have always received 100 percent cooperation from our local union officers, our Electrical Contractors Association, and our Chicago Board of Education.

GEORGE STOKES,
Electrical Apprenticeship
Coordinator.

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Pittsburgh Members at Education Conference

L. U. 142, PITTSBURGH, PA.—I have been wondering for the past several weeks what I was going to write for an article for this month. Yesterday, I found what I think is a very good subject.

Jim Lawlor, Jim Flaig, Ken Raynes and myself attended a one-day conference sponsored by the Pittsburgh Labor Education Council at the Hotel Sheraton.

The conference staff was composed

of Robert J. Agnew, University of Pittsburgh; Arthur Elder, ILGWU, A. F. L.; Myron Joseph, Carnegie Institute of Technology; Everett M. Kassalow, CIO Committee on Economic Policy; Arthur H. Reede, Penn State University; Charles Sludden, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen; and Mildred Westover, Executive Secretary of the Pittsburgh Labor Education Council.

The meeting was opened by Mildred Westover, who, after extending greetings, introduced Henry Rechtenwald of the CLU. Brother Rechtenwald gave a report on the "Pittsburgh Labor Education Activities." He then introduced the panel members. Professor Agnew acted as moderator for the panel. The subject for the panel discussion was "Maintaining Prosperity—The Economic Facts of Life." After the panel discussion we split into three groups for group discussion. The subject, "On What Does National Prosperity Depend."

After luncheon there was a pro-

More Scenes of Local Party



Above is seen the stage setting and the prizes for the party and below the fine entertainment provided for the children by Local 124.



Business Manager Andrew Harvey welcoming guests to the party.

Demonstrate Training Techniques



The attractive display of Local 134, Chicago, at the American Vocational Association's national meeting.

gram presented by Michael Johnson, "Labor Information Please." The subject, "How Much Do You Know About Unions?"

Following this program, the guest speaker, Mr. Arthur Elder of the Union Officers Training Institute of the ILGWU, A. F. L., spoke on "The 1954 Tax Picture—What It Means To Your Dollar." After comments on the subject by the panel members we again went into group discussions on the subject, "What Do Taxes Mean To You?" We then returned to the hall for the reports of the discussion groups and a summary of the day's activities.

Speaking for myself, and I think also for the others, I found the conference very educational and the time well spent. I know I learned a great deal of how our economy works and how it affects every one of us. I have a much clearer understanding of taxes and how they are placed. It was brought out during the discussions that there is a bill to be presented to Congress by Congressman Herman P. Eberharter of Pittsburgh. The Eberharter Bill is a good one and places the tax burden on those best able to pay. This bill will have opposition and you could do well to write your Senators and Congressmen stating your opinion of this bill.

Our local unions do not devote enough time to the education of our people. I think more of us should attend the education classes and we in turn should convey our learning to our members.

We are sorry to report the illness of John Joseph, just recently retired. Also off due to illness or injury are John Bigger, Hooks Weigand, Peaches Faulkner, Hank Wozniak, Joe Lozitto, Jim Elder, Bob Phillips and Tom Griffith. We were glad to welcome back to work Len Weiss and Red Simcox. I have heard just recently that Bud Bashline is coming along fine. That I think will be good news for all.

Have you heard the athletic prowess of "I AM A CAPTAIN" Mike Rosso?

I wonder how long the fad of no smoking will last. Blackie Hoffman started this and had a few of the boys lined up. Dordy Greenwood only lasted a couple of days. Nelson, Schramm and a couple of others are still holding out (?).

Earl Vevers has taken over my place on the Blood Service Committee. Give him the support you gave me and continue the good work of our blood donor service.

I attended the Credit Union meeting this week. A vote of thanks should be expressed to the officers for the fine job they do for us. Jim Lawlor, Ken Faub, Chuck Quinn, Bougs McManama and the other officers spend a lot of time and effort and get very little compensation.

HARVEY C. COOK, P. S.

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Discuss Levy for Hall Construction

L. U. 146, DECATUR, ILL.—Just a few lines to let our local members know that next week on Tuesday, 26 January, 1954, a special meeting will be held to decide on the question of

Handsome Gift



J. C. McTaggart, local president, displaying Christmas present given to him by members of Local 140, Rochester, Pa. The gun is Model 722, Remington 222 caliber. Picture was made by Local 10 member, L. C. Cobner.

financing the building of a new union hall. It has been proposed that an additional one percent be levied on the weekly work dues to help defray the expense of building. It has been further proposed that the additional one percent be removed when the building is paid for. These important questions must be resolved before the union's Building Committee can proceed with plans.

Quite a number of the local members are at present working in other localities, due to a temporary slump in Decatur's building picture. However, we are looking for at least two years of steady work in this vicinity, with the present large Borg-Warner addition just getting started, and a fine new Caterpillar plant to get underway as soon as weather permits.

Numerous other sizable plants, including a new Lincoln Laboratories layout across the highway from Borg-Warner's new plant, and a magnificent new St. Mary's Hospital on Lake Shore Drive are just about to come out of the planning stage. The hospital is figured at approximately two and a quarter million dollars in construction costs, and if the original plan is adhered to, will include an 11-story building. The location of the hospital will be directly across the highway from the site of the proposed Veterans' Hospital, which we are still hoping will some day be built here.

At the last regular union meeting our Business Manager A. C. Kohli, who is a member of the IBEW State Conference Welfare Committee, suggested that the local organize or appoint a Welfare Committee to formulate plans which might be included in the Conference Committee's proposals for this area. President Mel Williams immediately appointed the Executive Board as a Welfare Committee to act on contract negotiations.

Kohli reported that applications on the new Union Death Benefit Association are coming in rapidly. This plan has been sanctioned by the International Office and pays \$500.00 in the event of the death of a member. This sum is in addition to the regular union insurance, but is paid immediately to the widow or survivors when ready cash is generally needed urgently.

It was reported at last regular meeting that Jim Rice's wife was to undergo surgery in the near future. We sincerely hope she will have a speedy recovery. Last week Harry Myers suffered an injury to one of his eyes, which necessitated a loss of time and several trips to the doctor. Take good care of those peepers, Harry, they're hard to replace. If we miss reporting a member's sickness or accident, believe me, it is not intentional. If the job stewards will notify the union office or me we will be more than glad to mention the fact in our next article. These articles

can only be as good as the members help me to make them and any suggestions or contributions will be gratefully accepted. In parting, we would like to mention that about 300 members and their families attended the union's annual Christmas party and all seemed to enjoy the affair.

BOB WAYNE, P. S.

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New Construction Unique in South

L. U. 177, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—As this is my second letter to the JOURNAL I am very proud to report that work is still holding up and only a few Brothers are loafing at present due to finishing the job at St. Regis paper mill which has been going on for the last two years.

Well I am sending pictures of the new Maxwell House instant coffee plant now under construction. The building is 50 by 90 and 137 feet high—eight stories. It is the first building of this type of construction to be built in the South. It is what they call the push up construction. With a continuous pouring the forms are jacked up slowly. This required about 224 man-hours to get it to its height of 137 feet. Brother Glen Gormley is foreman on the job with only four men at present.

We also have the new Prudential Life Insurance building which is to be a 22-story building with a 200-foot radio tower on top of it.

Oh yes, we have a new television station. It just went in service the first of the year. It is a UHF Channel No. 36 with 276,000 watts, owned and operated by one of our local newspapers, the *Jacksonville Journal*. So any of you Brothers that live out of Jacksonville and can get this station, WJHP Channel 36, on your set, please let's see who will be able to receive it the longest distance from Jacksonville and let me know.

I am enclosing a letter written by the gang on the Maxwell House job to Brother Glen's wife about her coffee. So if the editor will print it you may get a reply from her when she gets her Irish worked up in next month's issue.

"Dear Mrs. Gormley,

"It has been called to my attention that the coffee Glen carries to work does not meet with the approval of the 'crabby' men on this job. At their request I am sending you instructions for making drip coffee. I am not sure they know much about the subject, but who can make an electrician understand that he does not know more than anyone else including all other electricians?"

Drip Coffee

"One teaspoon of coffee for each

cup of water. Pour through twice. Then if spoon will not stand up in cup of coffee, pour through the third time.

"Let me assure you that this coffee will not please them any more than the way you make it and also that they will still complain just as loud and as long as before.

"Glen states he furnishes the coffee. See that he purchases good coffee before you make too much of an effort to improve the quality of the cup of coffee.

"This bunch of men will 'crab' just as long as the overtime lasts, but you could not pull them off the job with a Mack truck.

Yours for 'hotter' coffee.
The Gang"

(Editor's Note: Brothers, we checked your letter and it says "one teaspoon of coffee per cup." Shouldn't this be tablespoon? If not, Mrs. Gormley better stick to her own recipe, or far from having coffee capable of keeping the spoon standing alone in the cup she'll have colored water.)

W. R. SAPPINGTON, P. S.

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Severe Snows Hit Atlantic City Area

L. U. 211, ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—Yesterday, January 22nd, in the early a.m. we had quite a snow fall for this neck of the woods. Here in the

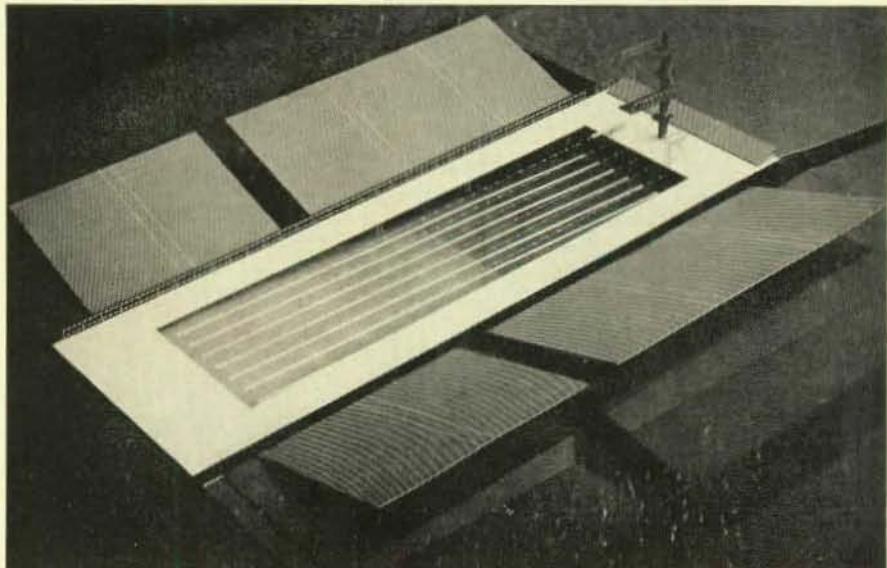
Atlantic City area and all along the coast we had seven inches of snow. That's the worst snow fall we have had for 13 years. The last heavy snow fall we had here was February 28th, 1941 and at that time we had fourteen inches. This has got to stop because Curley likes to get out to the club on week ends and play a couple rounds of golf.

Well I have just been getting my figures together so that I can file my income tax return. This is a sad world when you get the totals and start counting up, it sure gets one down. So now I have to lay the figures to one side so that I can get on with this article because today is the 24th of January and it is supposed to be on its way by now. I've got to get hep, so by the time that you guys and dolls are reading this a lot of the green stuff will be changing hands with the guy with the long whiskers.

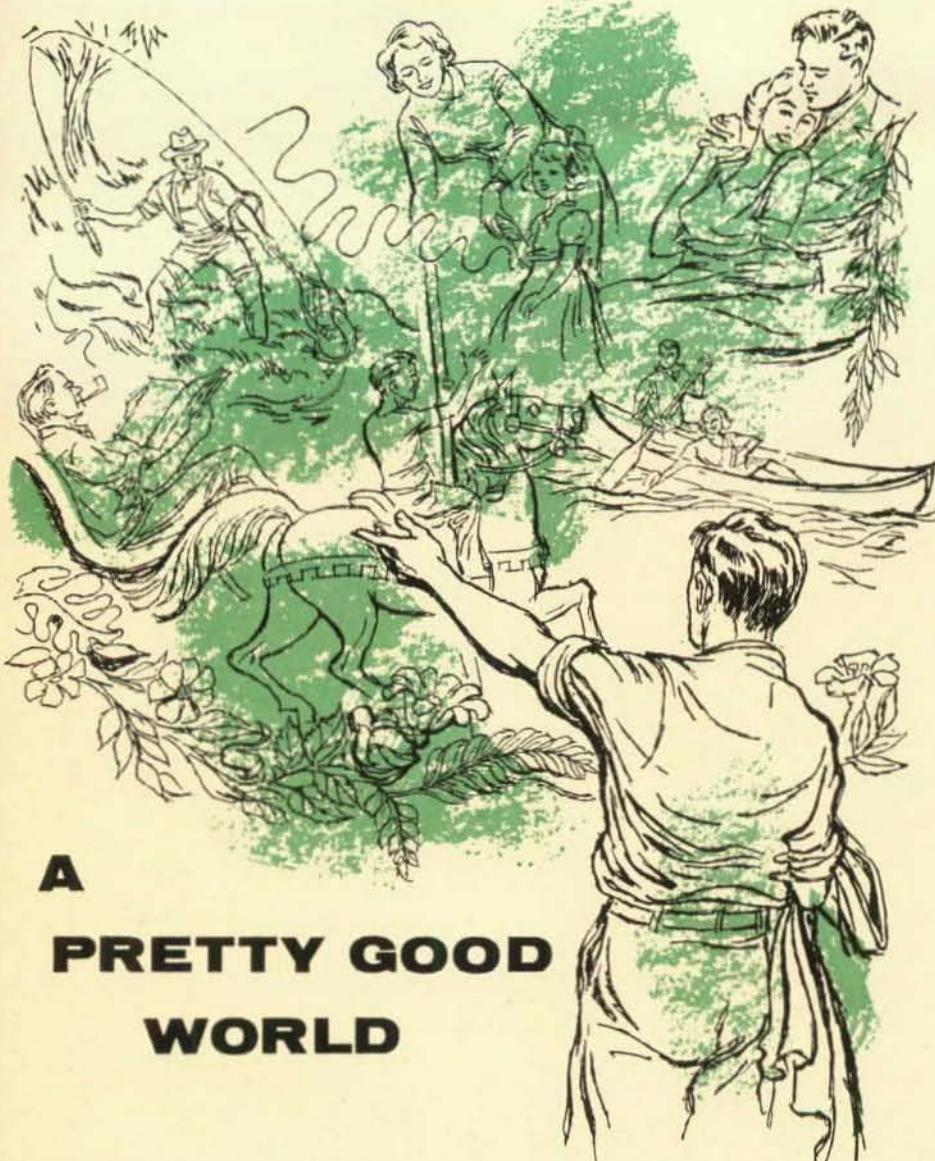
Your scribe will probably have a choice item for you guys of Local 211 to report next month as we now have several of our boys who are hustlers and they are a committee working on something that should prove interesting to the Local as a whole. Since I was absent from the last meeting I missed out on getting the names of all of them, but here are a few: Brothers Harry Hiltner, George Stockinger and Charles Calvi. I hope I did not miss any names. If so I will make up for it next month.

I would like to report at this time that a couple of our Brothers of Local

Interest High with Local 213



Members of our Local Union 213 in Vancouver, B. C., are looking forward with much interest to the Empire Games to be held July 30 to August 7, 1954 there. The Empire Games may be termed "Olympics of the British Commonwealth," and this year's events will climax the greatest sporting spectacle ever held in Canada. The picture above is a model of the new swimming pool which has been built at the University of British Columbia in order to accommodate all the great swimming and diving contests which will play an important part in the Empire Games. L. U. 213 will send us further information when the games take place.



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PRETTY GOOD WORLD

It's a pretty good world, this world of ours,
Full of heavenly love and beautiful flowers,
Full of gladness and joy, if we want it to be—
Full of beautiful sights, if we only would see;
And though oft we are bumped and tossed and whirled,
Even at that, it's a pretty good world .

It's a pretty good world, it seems to me,
Exactly the place where I'm happy to be.
Here in the midst of its sorrow and care,
There's pleasure and happiness everywhere;
And though oft the banner of hate is unfurled,
Even at that, it's a pretty good world.

It's a pretty good world, and it's yours and mine
To fill with gloom or the bright sunshine,
To fill with sadness or fill with cheers,
With joy and gladness or bitter tears.
God gave it to you and He gave it to me,
So let's make it the world that He meant it to be.

—FRANK CARLTON NELSON

211 were unfortunate in losing their Mother. I am referring to Brothers John Fish and Howard Fish. In behalf of Local 211, its officers and members, I want to extend to them our heartfelt sympathy and condolences.

BART "CURLEY" MAISCH, P. S.

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1953 Was Banner Employment Year

L. U. 212, CINCINNATI, OHIO—Local Union 212 has enjoyed one of the best years of employment in its history in 1953, and is looking forward to 1954 with a great deal of optimism. This has not been accomplished nor will it be accomplished in 1954, without the untiring efforts of our business manager coupled with the cooperation of all of our members. We are gradually getting back to the time when it shall take the full cooperation of all of us to keep the ball rolling. The next election of Congress will be one of the most vital in the past 20 years. Should we not succeed in electing the proper members, God help us for the next six years. A lot of the old-timers are used to hitching another notch in the belt, but we are hoping that you younger members will never have to learn the knack.

A lot of our members are making rather early preparations for the trip to Kansas City, Missouri, for the annual I.B.E.W. Bowling Tournament, and at present have about everything settled.

HOWARD E. STAPLETON, P. S.

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Long Sick List At Norwich Local

L. U. 225, NORWICH, CONN.—Our regular meeting was held January 8th with Brother Tom Rodgers presiding. Our new contract calling for higher wages and new benefits for the Brothers was discussed.

Working conditions here are not too bad as all the members of the local are working. Several Brothers from other locals are also working with us. Most of the work at present is centered around the powerhouses at Danielson and Montville.

We have had quite a sick list but all seem to be doing well with the exception of Brother Moore who at this writing is seriously ill with pneumonia. Brothers Ely Crumb and Thomas Sheehan are convalescing.

ALBERT ARNOLD, P. S.

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Describes Features Of "Little Dixie"

L. U. 257, JEFFERSON CITY, MO.—Hello Brother members. After chas-

On Construction of County Hospital



Members of Local 257, Jefferson City, Mo., are seen on the site of the Audrain County Hospital now under construction in Mexico, Mo. Seen at left: Brothers Jesse Masterson; Hebert Brunner; F. C. Stearns; John Taggart, and John F. Strode, steward. Above and at right, we see Brother "Colonel" John F. Strode ready for and in action.

ing my two frisky youngsters out of the room, I got into gear to write about some of the activities here.

One of the jobs we are working on in our jurisdiction is the Audrain County Hospital, Mexico, Missouri. It is a \$1,000,000 job. Gamp Electric Company from St. Louis, Missouri, has the electrical contract. Brother F. C. Stearns is the foreman and he is moving the job along in a very capable manner. Brother "Colonel" John Finton Strode, Jr., is our steward. Brother Strode is called "Colonel Strode" on the job because of his swift and purposeful procedures in solving problems on the job.

Mexico, Missouri, "Little Dixie," is noted for its fire brick, saddle horses, and beautiful women which provides plenty of subject matter for chats.

The show horses produced in this area are famous for their fine breeding and the ability to bring home the prizes for their owners. Huge white stables with large white fenced exercise pens filled with sleek, spirited horses provide a spectacle to remember for tourists traveling through along the highways. Almost any time during the day it is possible to see trainers putting the horses through

their gaits in preparation for the next horse show.

Audrain County also has an abundance of clay which provides for two large, fire brick plants that turn out fire brick of all descriptions.

The beautiful women angle I will side track for it would take more paper than I could provide. This subject is usually found in all areas, and a beginner with writing needs a large dictionary for descriptive words. I will say, however, the eyeballs are fatigued after driving around town.

I am enclosing some pictures of the job. Other Brother members on the job are Brothers Victor Schulte, Jesse Masterson, Clarence Ketchum, John Taggart, and yours truly. (Editor's Note: Ah shucks. We thought there might be some pictures of the women!!!)

ORVILLE H. SUMMERS, P. S.

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Journeymen Participate In Apprentice Classes

L. U. 270, OAK RIDGE, TENN.—We want to tell all our local unions about the J.A.C. Apprentice Classes we have set up in this local union. We have almost as many electricians and linemen attending these classes as we

have apprentices. We are now setting up two additional classes, one for blue print reading and one for cable splicers.

The J.A.C. Committee consists of the following: Representing the Contractors we have F. W. Bauman who is chairman, Rex W. Cantrell, our Business Manager Earl T. McLemore, S. L. Mayton, inside electrician and W. E. Napier, lineman.

The Instructors are A. C. Sears, A. E. Mount, C. T. Hodge, Paul Moulton, and James Mitchell.

Local Union 270 will have the State Electrical Workers Meeting in Oak Ridge in April or May of this year. We hope to have a good turnout at this meeting.

International Representative A. F. Wright was here last week, for a few days to give us a hand on some trouble. We are always glad to have Brother Wright with us. We want to thank him for the good advice he gives us when he is here. We want to tell you Brothers about Oak Ridge, "THE ATOMIC CITY OF THE WORLD." The United States Government owns about 60,000 acres of land here. The city is maintained by the Government Agency known as the M.S.I. We now have 1,200 new electrically-heated homes being built

Project of Muskegon Local



General views of the Hooker Electro-Chemical plant at Montague, Mich., H. K. Ferguson of Cleveland has the general contract and members of Local 275, Muskegon, Mich., are employed on construction.

especially for construction workers, to rent or buy.

They also have lots which you can lease for a period of 50 years and build your own home.

The work here has slowed in the last 45 days, but we have a new job which will start soon.

Our local union office is in Lafayette Hall in Jefferson Circle.

Our local union meetings will be held here, on the second and fourth Monday nights of each month, temporarily, until we get our new home built which we hope to get underway soon.

MERILD C. McCANN, P. S.

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B. A.'s Resignation Regretfully Accepted

L. U. 275, MUSKEGON, MICH.—Many things have happened in Local 275 in the last few weeks. It is with deep regret and amazement that I wish to announce the resignation of our business manager, Charles Fox. Charley is one of those few men who are tireless in their efforts to do a good job. He spent night after night working for the welfare of Local 275 on his own initiative. The strain was too much. It brought back his old illness and his doctor advised that he give up his job. I do not believe anyone from 275 was given a greater show of appreciation for his efforts than Charley Fox, when the membership accepted his resignation with regret.

Work is at its usual winter or year-end slowdown although The Hooker Electrochemical has around 80 electricians still holding down their jobs. The Cobb Power Plant addition is gradually shaping up. Hall Electric Company has the contract for temporary work at the Cobb Plant. Leon Elliott and Hap Feasel are two of the Brothers now back in their home territory.

In the interest of better business management the membership voted to permit the Executive Board to meet during the regular working hours twice a month. The membership also voted to pay the Executive Board members two hours regular pay twice a month for these meetings.

Local 275 members have had their share of sickness and accidents for the year 1953. Harry Mill, William McGowan, Jack Hutchinson, Jim White, Claude Herald, Wilfred Lebrun and Ray Franklin. We received word that Brother Ed Plunkett was in the hospital for another operation. We wish all these Brothers good luck and a speedy recovery.

Our Executive Board consisting of Stien Olson, Hank Weiseman, Clarence Sutton, Lee Hieser and James Beck held a special meeting and announced their choice of Carl Ulfsax as

business manager for Local 275. It is my own belief and that of many another Brother that the board could not have selected a better man to fill the vacancy.

Carl Ulfsax is a past president of Local 275 and is well known around the state. He was at one time in business with the Allied Electric Company of Muskegon, Michigan. He was associated with cable splicing for a number of years and has also been superintendent, general foreman and foreman on a number of jobs. He should know both sides of the electrical trade well, labor and management.

JAMES SNAPPER DAVIS, P. S.

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Surprise Pay Boost For Minneapolis Local

L. U. 292, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—On January 1, 1954, Local 292 electricians were given a surprise increase of approximately eight cents per hour. The wage structure for journeymen wiremen became:

\$2.80	per hour
.168	per hour vacation-holiday
.08	per hour welfare fund
.028	per hour pension fund

\$3.076 per hour total

With the two percent increase in the Vacation-Holiday Fund, bringing the total payment to six percent per hour, we now enjoy 10 days paid vacation and five paid holidays on a regular 48-hour week. Any overtime worked will increase the fund and thus give more days vacation. These between-season negotiations were conducted by our Negotiating Committee on a man-to-man basis with the Minneapolis Electrical Contractors' Association, which is just one of the swell jobs our committee has done. They have 58 separate contracts to negotiate each year. Keep up the good work, fellows!

In the radio-television broadcasting field, negotiations have been completed with Stations KEYD and WDGY. Stations WLOL and WMIN-TV are negotiating at this writing, and the Twin Cities are looking forward to Channel 9.

Brother Lloyd R. Sather, 39, succumbed to injuries received in an automobile accident November 28, 1953. He was employed as a neon tube bender. He was initiated into the IBEW April 13, 1948.

The Willmar Central Labor Union has a new home—they purchased their own building at Willmar. There is a progressive union town!

The annual inter-city Bowling Tournament was held in December at the University Alleys in St. Paul. St. Paul won the tournament with 204 pins. Dinner and refreshments were served in the recreation rooms of Local 110, St. Paul.

Brothers Eric Trenholm, 67, and Frank D. Hershey, 65, retired on the Brotherhood Pension effective February, 1954. They were initiated in Local 292 on May 27, 1912 and April 14, 1924, respectively. Best wishes to you both!

At our general membership meeting January 26, 1954, a special order of business dealt with a discussion and explanation of the new 1953 Code with its many changes, by Brother Clarence Johnson, our Code Committee chairman, and a member of the State Board of Electricity; also Mr. S. Martin Streed, chief electrical inspector of the City of Minneapolis.

I'm still looking for some articles and a few pictures from the membership to put on this page. How about it?

JOHN J. O'ROURKE, P. S.

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Christmas Party is "Huge Success"

L. U. 305, FORT WAYNE, IND.—The Christmas party was a huge success. Three years ago a motion was made and passed to have a party just for the children. This was put into effect at Christmas time with movies, presents, candy and Santa Claus. The trouble has been in getting someone to play Santa Claus, but this year Brother M. Grimm volunteered. The good job he did is testified to by the pictures taken by your press secretary.

The committee of Brothers D. Rodgers, T. Faltz, T. Clem, H. Gorell wish to thank all of the Brothers for their wonderful support. Also thanks for the fine assistance given us by President H. Hannie and Business Manager E. McKay.

Some of the Brothers are not working at this time as the weather has slowed down the outside work. With a break in the weather things should be back to normal.

Our congratulations to Brother Joe Dmitrijeus on becoming an American citizen. It's people like you who help make this country great. We who were born here take its privileges for granted, but you know what being an American citizen means.

W. L. WASSON, P. S.

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Fla. Scribe Asks "Member or Kicker?"

L. U. 308, ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.—Here's a little poem oft quoted and printed, called "Member or Kicker." I thought it would bear repeating:
"Are you an active member
The kind that's liked so well.
Or are you just contented
With the badge on your lapel?"

Children's Treat in Fort Wayne



Santa Claus (Brother M. Grimm) distributes welcome gifts at the Christmas party of Local 305, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Do you attend the meetings
And mingle with the flock?
Or do you simply stay away
And criticize and knock.
Say do you get out and hustle
And help to crack a lick.
Or leave this work to just a few
And talk about a clique?
Come out attend the meetings
Help with your hand and heart.
Don't be just a member,
But take an active part.
Think it over folks,
You know right from wrong.
Be an active member
Instead of 'Just Belong!'"

This poem isn't my work but a thought that has been in the minds of most officers in not only our local union but any union or organization that has members satisfied to have so few carry on the work for so many.

Our local work has fallen off and many of our Brothers have gone out of town for work. Would like to thank Local 1205, Gainesville, Florida and Local 108, Tampa for helping to keep our local Brothers working.

Received our bylaws back from the I.O. with recommendations for a few revisions. Brother Hadley reports that the bylaws will go to print and the members will receive them when they are ready.

Am enclosing picture of the men working on the Florida Power Corporation's Bayboro Plant.

BENNETT COREY, P. S.

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Slow-down Felt by Huntington Local 317

L. U. 317, HUNTINGTON, W. VA.—The general outlook at the present

time does not favorably compare with the year 1953, in regard to the booming construction that our area enjoyed. Things have slowed up considerably but all our members are working at present. There are two rather large construction jobs going in our area, the Armeo Steel Company at Ashland, Kentucky, and the Allied Chemical at South Point, Ohio. But at present they are fully manned and there are no calls for help from our neighbor and brother locals. The large power plant at Chesire, Ohio, will not be ready for several months to employ a large force of electricians. I understand there are several large jobs in the blueprint stage in this community so we are hoping that within a few months we will again be enjoying the prosperity as of 1953.

Our labor difficulties with electrical

contractors and jurisdictional disagreements have been at a minimum the past year. However, being a steward on the last three large jobs, I had a few headaches in the form of jurisdictional disputes, but we finally got them worked out all right.

Now in a lighter and pleasant line of thought, why not join me in polishing up the old fishing rod and oiling the casting reels. It won't be too long now.

J. E. SMITH, P. S.

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1953 Seems as Having Brought Prosperity

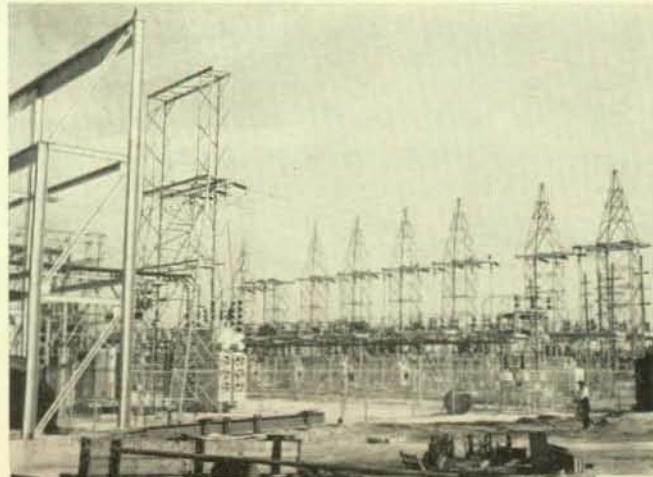
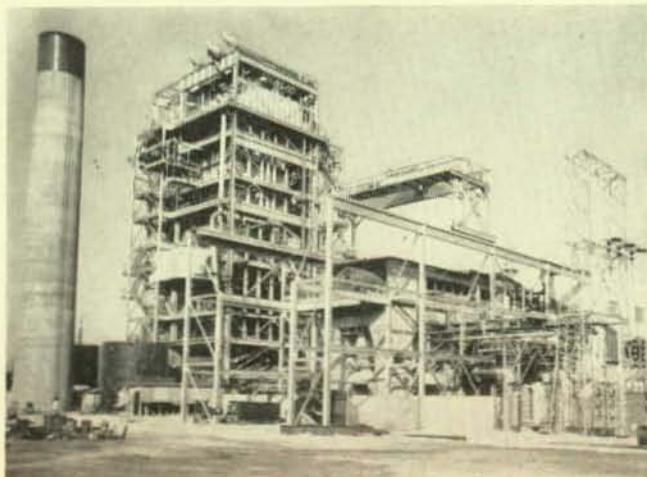
L. U. 323, WEST PALM BEACH, FLA.—Another year has gone by. It has been a very good year for some and no doubt a bad one for others.

Florida Members on Project



Members of Local 308, St. Petersburg, Fla., who worked on the Florida Power, Bayboro Plant: (Kneeling) Bob Thoren; Ben Corey; and Jack Epright. (Standing) Irwin Johnson; Kaj Hanson, foreman; Don Sweet, timekeeper; Gorman Rial; Clyde Brown; Leroy Yancey; "Red" Whetstone; Dan Abbott; Carol Robbins, Local 108; D. B. Sinclair, Sr.; Tom Jones; R. D. Sommerkamp; Frank "Slim" Mallory, and Tommy Reese.

Erect 75,000 KW Power Plant



Above are views and below is the crew of the 75,000 kw power plant at Riviera Beach in the jurisdiction of Local 323, West Palm Beach, Fla.



The enclosed photographs speak for themselves for this locality. We have enjoyed a prosperous year and are looking forward to another one in 1954. The pictures of this addition to the Riviera Beach Power Plant of the Florida Power and Light Company has been quite a big help to a good many of our Brothers, not only local Brothers, but to a good many others from other parts of our IBEW.

You can see that they have done a good job. It does seem strange to a lot of our older members to see a power plant right out in the open; you might say without a roof over it. Times are changing every day and no one knows what next will come up in the electrical business. This project went from start to finish without any holdup and was done under the supervision of Brother Roy MacMenigall, who was at home sick when the pictures were taken.

We feel confident that this addition will not be large enough for the future as Florida is growing pretty fast and it will have to be added to in the near future we hope. I have read of a lot of predictions for the coming year and I do hope some of them will come true. When you read of some

of the investigations going on by our Senators and Congressmen who seem to be making a full-time job of it, you wonder if they are spending enough time on the job which they were elected to do. Some of the top officials of our Government start a program such as cutting down of defense programs, putting hundreds of thousands out of work and not doing very much toward making provisions to take up these unemployed people. It won't be long when the buying power of these people will react on our merchants and corporations who have a good supply in warehouses of their merchandise and do not have to employ more help to meet any demand that may occur. It may be well for labor to go on record as against any of this cutting down on any program until some arrangements are made to take care of these unemployed people. As far as I can see when you start to put people out of work you are creating an unhealthy condition for our country as a whole. It would be wise for our Senators and Congressmen to take this warning and give it their entire consideration first, as the old saying goes "forewarned is forearmed." For the people of these

United States do not want another 1929 to 1935.

Many people say the United States will never have another time like that as they have too much experience in that line. Well, I do hope that we have learned a lesson, not to let it happen again. Still, when you read "thousands out of work" it does not sound good and I hope our next report from our Government will be good news on the unemployment condition, which exists throughout our country. Let our officials stop this laying off and start hiring again.

I believe if we are ever going to have peace, now is the time to start demanding a show down, not only with our allies, but with our supposed enemies; as from all the news you can read they are in a poor condition in every way, financially and morally, and it looks like our cold war is doing its job. Let's all hope for the best.

WILLIAM DONOHUE, P. S.

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45-Year Member Passes in Des Moines

L. U. 347, DES MOINES, IOWA—We

are sad to have to write again so soon of losing another of our Brothers, C. A. (Fred) Hetherington. He died of a heart attack while at work, January 4, 1954. He was born January 17, 1879 and was initiated into Local 55, July 18, 1907. He was a member in continuous good standing from that time and the second oldest member of our union.

He was employed by Johnson Electric Company from 1938. Prior to that he worked for Capitol City. Fred has served on the Executive Board and held various other offices in our local.

At a banquet given in 1952, Brother Hetherington received his 45-year pin, along with other members who also had put in many years service for our union.

He was a well-liked member and a good union man. We will all miss him.

The local, in his memory, voted to drape our charter for 30 days.

The attendance at our union meetings has been sparse, as usual. But we still have hopes of building our attendance, some way.

Following the lead of other locals, we have started to ask members for their cards at the door on meeting nights. This has raised considerable comment, huh, Gary?

At the time of this writing work is still plentiful—but is tapering off slightly.

John Coleman, Chet Cunningham, and Fred Powers were elected to a committee, for the purpose of tracing back our dead members and composing a tribute to them, to be placed in our hall. This is to be put in a conspicuous place and to contain their pictures and information on them.

Then in following years, as Brothers pass on, their names and pictures will be added to this plaque.

Anyone having information in regard to any of our deceased members, that might be of value to this end, would be helping if they would convey it to the committee so that the memorial will be as complete as possible.

In Memoriam

To Fred and others of us who are no longer here

We miss your presence sorely, we have held your friendship near

Let us hope your parting teaches us to appreciate the cheer

And good fellowship you've left us, with each passing year.

DALE PIEART, P. S.

150 Couples Enjoy Evening's Dancing

L. U. 359, MIAMI, FLA.—The annual

dance of Local 359 was held December 5, in Electrician's Hall, Miami, Florida. The 150 couples enjoying the evening were members of the local union, their wives, friends and guests. Ernie Thibault, president of the local, highlighted the program of entertainment with two songs. Thanks to the efforts of the Entertainment Committee Chairman Jake Ravitch, and his Co-chairmen Hal White and Bob Marlin, the evening ran smoothly and pleasantly. The Ladies Auxiliary, known officially as Killowettes Chapter 2, did a fine job with hand-made corsages for the wives and dates of those attending.

Among the notable guests were Charlie Towle, editor of the *Miami Labor Citizen*, Bryce Wager, business manager I.B.E.W. System Council, F. P. and L. Company Supervision Representatives and Directors J. G. (Joe) Palaski, George Crawford, Sam Williams, Carl Greenwell, O. K. Doyle and Robert Wald.

THOMAS S. MCCLARY, R. S.

Local 390 Officers At Progress Meet

L. U. 390, PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS—The Executive Board headed by Business Manager Ernest Gones, and President J. W. (Dub) Miller attended the Gulf Coast Progress meeting some weeks ago and reported many problems were ironed out on working conditions; also on our group insurance plan.

Many of our members have been off their jobs for some time this winter from colds. Brother Jerry Wood

is still laid up from his auto accident. Another has been added to the auto accident list. Brother J. B. Stevens, was badly bruised and cut on his face and hands in an auto accident on his way to his Uncle's funeral in Humble, Texas. Steve is now resting at home and hopes to be back to work soon.

Everyone in Local 390 has made himself a committee of one to see that no member fails to get his poll tax paid up. Local 390 will be composed of 100 percent tax receipt holders. A campaign has now been started on L.I.P.E. donations.

ARTHUR A. DERROUGH, P. S.

El Centro is Host To Southern Conference

L. U. 441, SANTA ANA, CALIF.—Within the borders of the great Southwest's charm and unspoiled grandeur lies the prosperous Imperial Valley. It is here, the natives say, that the sun spends the winter.

El Centro, the Valley's metropolis, played host to the IBEW's Joint Southern Conference in January. According to our good Brothers of L. U. 447 it was the first time in history that the El Centro Chamber of Commerce and press had given any labor group such a warm reception.

The business meeting was held in the Barbara Worth Hotel. Locals in the Southern Conference were well represented. They presented very interesting reports. Our International Representatives brought us up to date on national and state affairs. Brother Oscar Harbak was the principle speaker. Characteristic of these

Chose Executive Boards' Officers



This photo was snapped at the election meeting of Executive Boards of IBEW unions throughout northern California held in San Jose, recently, in Local 332's jurisdiction. Reading left to right in the picture are: Charles G. Crawford, secretary of the Ninth District and business manager of L. U. 340, Sacramento; Oscar G. Harbak, International Vice President, and W. H. Diederichsen, retiring president of the Ninth District and business manager of San Mateo Local 617. Officers elected at the meeting were: Thomas J. Ryan, business manager of L. U. 302, Richmond, president of the Joint Executive Conference of Northern California Electrical Workers; Ronald Weakley, business manager of 1245, San Francisco, vice president, and Secretary Crawford who appears in picture.

Scenes from Local 359 Dance



At the recent dance staged by Local 359, Miami, Fla., are shown the organizers and temporary officers of Killowettes Chapter 2.



Jake Ravitch demonstrates to the final detail the fine cooperative spirit that has been evident since he became Chairman of the Entertainment Committee.



"Fisherman" Ernie Thibault shows good natured contempt toward Jimmie McMahon, who won one of the evening's door prizes.

meetings, the problems of the locals, both collectively and individually, were thoroughly reviewed. A look ahead into future negotiations gave no clear-cut picture. Some locals are going out for welfare benefits. Others were as yet undecided. The biggest headaches of the moment are the jurisdictional disputes. The international organization is tackling the problem on a high level plain. Precedents set by settling differences on local levels have caused complications.

Communism in the nation was seen as no great threat. But the Commies infiltration into the unions was described as a plot to discredit the Democratic Party. The technique of the clever politician is now to intensify the big witch hunt. While focusing our attention on the "Demons of Moscow," he hopes to push anti-labor laws through the state legislatures.

An oil field working agreement has been drawn up but there still remain wrinkles to iron out. We have been losing much underground work that is rightfully ours, we were told. Brothers W. A. Ferguson, George O'Brien, and Jack Carney were appointed to a committee to investigate and report their findings.

Highlights of the conference were assurances given by the locals that they would give special attention to political education during the coming months. Election of officers for the 1954 series of meetings was held. Results were, Brother Milne, L. U. 413, president; W. A. Ferguson, L. U. 441, vice president; James Lance, L. U. 11, secretary.

The party from Santa Ana included W. K. Peet, Warren Maxwell, W. A. Ferguson and Mrs. Ferguson, R. T. Klaus and Mrs. Klaus. The auxiliary of the ladies held their meeting also.

Sparkling conversation and good fellowship marked the informal gatherings during the "off" hours. The work of the conference concluded; the delegates and their wives adjourned to Augie's Rendezvous in Mexicali, Mexico for relaxation, steak dinners, and refreshments. Adios amigos.

DICK KLAUS, P. S.

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Local Unemployment List Called Full

L. U. 465, SAN DIEGO, CALIF.—Greetings from Local 465! Spring

finds us with some wet weather, long awaited, and a full unemployed list, which is not nearly so good to have.

Any Brother fleeing the frigid East is welcome out here, but right now all we can offer him is some slightly liquid sunshine and a spot on the bench.

Spring also being the season a young man's fancy turns to many things, including negotiations of contracts opening soon, we'll give a rundown on the committees elected to represent the local. For the construction linemen's contract, Brothers Jack Day, George Daigle, Bud Wilcox and Bud Scharnwebber. (These hard-working brothers also serve on the Joint IBEW-NECA Committee; Brother Daigle represents the Construction Unit on the Executive Board; Brother Scharnwebber is chairman of the Construction Group; and the whole quartet serve as the Outside Construction Linemen Executive Committee.) We congratulate the linemen on their choices for their negotiators. Certainly, it would be hard to find four members who devote as much of their time and energy to serving the local.

To serve as Negotiating Committee for the Gasco contract, the membership covered by that agreement elected the business manager, Assistant Business Manager Len Coxon, and Brother Chuck Bartlett. Brother Bartlett will be quite an asset to the committee, being an old union stalwart. He is former president of the local, and has served on negotiations before. His experience and reputation for fairness and honesty will be of great help to the committee, and to the local.

We are glad to report that the stewards' program for the utility membership is going strong. Informal meetings are held at regular intervals, and a long-range educational program

is being followed. Our stewards are carefully chosen so as to insure reasonable, level-headed and impartial men who are dedicated to doing the right thing. The steward is an invaluable source of two-way communication between the local office and the members. This factor is also stressed in the program. At the meetings, problems encountered on the property are studied with an aim toward solving those that do arise in the most equitable fashion, and, by education, to head off others. At this point, we want to thank Ron Weakley, business manager of Local 1245, San Francisco, for supplying us with valuable information and material used in a similar program in that local. His experience along these lines in a utility local has been of great value to us.

The Ladies' Auxiliary has also been reactivated, and is going strong. It is our belief that a woman who knows the whys and wherefores of unionism is valuable to a local, and certainly we need help in spreading the union story. Our ladies are currently studying political literature, and we look to them for help in electing legislators friendly to labor.

The Central Labor Council of San Diego, with which we are affiliated, has been successful in getting various union officials placed on committees that are studying the schools. Your scribe serves on one such committee. It has become clear to labor leaders that unless immediate steps are taken, business is going to dominate the educational systems of the country. Brothers, it is of the utmost importance that our children be given the best education possible, and we want that education to be one in which both sides of controversial matters are presented, especially those dealing with the relationship between business and labor. If we stay out just because we are too busy, or too inert, in one generation it may be too late.

VERN HUGHES, B. M.

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Local 466 Triples Attendance Record

L. U. 466, CHARLESTON, W. VA.—The opportunity has been awarded me to be press secretary and it is indeed a privilege to put forth my effort in a field of endeavor with which I have had very little experience. This being my first article I would like to relate to you as well as I can, the current progress within the jurisdiction of Local 466.

The members have shown great enthusiasm due to the fact that work has been very substantial during the past few years bringing in a considerable amount of overtime. At present work has reached a leveling point. Though some of our members are on out-of-town jobs, there is suf-

ficient employment to keep the balance of our membership busy during the winter months.

We are very proud of the way everyone has displayed new interest on all of our local issues and has proved same by increased attendance at the meetings. The attendance record has more than tripled within the last eight or nine months. New and varied views have inspired many changes as far as the local's progress is concerned. Our newly proposed agreement, now in the negotiating stage, has promise of being one of the greatest we've had in years and I hope by the time the next issue of the JOURNAL comes out I can tell you all about it.

Well, one thing that shows a sign of reality and of being a gala affair is the dance Local 466 is throwing the end of the month. Refreshments will be served and a local band will be there to provide the music. The most memorable thing about it all is that Local 466 has voted to donate an amount equal to the cost of the dance to the March of Dimes. That we all know is a well deserving cause.

O. V. SPINOSI, P. S.

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Outlook of Beaumont Local 479 Mixed

L. U. 479, BEAUMONT, TEXAS—March, a month that indicated that we are well under way in the year 1954, finds this local able to afford a bright outlook so far as work and projects in this area are concerned.

We are very fortunate to be able to say as to employment of our members we are holding our own at the present, but with sickness and tax problems confronting us there is really not too much we can report personally that is good.

Hopes run high on our successful reopening of existing contract to elim-

inate and clarify many points of conflicting and confusing clauses that now exist in our present contract. Willingness has been shown on both sides, with determination to emerge with a better understanding.

Sympathy is extended to our business agent, T. Jim Davis and wife, on the loss of Mrs. Davis' father, Mr. T. C. Taylor, of Joplin, Missouri. Mr. Taylor passed away January 15th, and we of the local extend our deepest regret in their hours of sorrow.

Sickness has taken a strong hand and pushed deep into the homes of many of our members and their families, causing much concern for us all.

C. R. "Chuck" Young has been stricken with polio, and has suffered many painful days in the hospital. As many of us know "Chuck" has already had trouble with one leg, and now polio strikes in the other. Our best wishes for a speedy and quick recovery "Chuck," and hope to see you up and around in the near future.

N. G. "Porky" Young's wife was confined to the hospital by illness, but is improving at the present time.

A blessed event was announced by the Warren Schion family, to which we offer congratulations.

Our Brother of the local, Austin LeBlue, who has been confined due to illness for the past few years, has a spirit some of us lack, saying "Shucks, it hasn't got me down yet." He has all that nature can hand him, and always a smile for everyone. He's a swell guy, and all of us are happy to have the opportunity of working with him. Due to the fact that LeBlue has still a long time to be confined, your cards and letters would help to cheer him up and pass the time away. The address is: Austin LeBlue, 8921 Belfast Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Local 479 has in the past contributed to any worthy cause in some way either by labor or donations, the latest one being "The Redmial Center"

At Southern Conference Meet



At left, Secretary Jimmie Lance of the IBEW's Joint Southern Conference poses with the wives of two delegates to the group's meeting in El Centro, Calif. And at the same meeting at right are Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ferguson and Don.



Form Safety Education Committee



Members of Local 540, Canton, Ohio, who were participating in the Joint Safety and Education Committee. Seated, left to right: N. F. White, R. H. Bouigny, Inc., Charlotte, North Carolina; S. F. Fortier, L. E. Myers Company, Jackson, Michigan; E. B. Meyer, business manager, Local 32, Lima, Ohio. Standing, left to right: C. W. Schweickart, Hoosier Engineering Company, Columbus, Ohio; W. F. Helsman, Hoosier Engineering Company; A. M. Leslie, chairman of committee, Canton, Ohio; O. W. King, business manager, Local 981 Cambridge, Ohio. J. T. Robinson, Local 637, Roanoke, Virginia, was not present when photo was taken.

for handicapped children in Beaumont. This school gives special attention to slow and awkward children that need special care in order to adjust themselves to acquire knowledge, held by average children. Public schools cannot afford this training, so again Local 479 has come forth with many others, as it always does, to do its part in building this much needed foundation. Members, to name a few who gave their time and efforts, Red Mack, Ed Wheat, I. L. Mills, Lee McNeel, Jack Canister, G. M. Braden, and last but far from least, Business Agent T. Jim Davis. To these men who represented all of this local we would like to give our most hearty thanks.

GEORGE E. HALLMARK, P. S.

Ala. Power Plant Nearing Completion

L. U. 505, MOBILE, ALA.—Well boys and girls, I do not like to open this little salutation with such news as income tax time, but nevertheless it is. Which means we will all have to put on our thinking caps and sit down with pen in hand and try to out figure the old man with the long whiskers. And believe you me it is

a job to just hold your own with him much less out figure him. Because he is like a policeman, always has the last word, and never wrong. Now take my word for it, he will give you what is yours, and certainly wants what is his. And from past experience boys, he always gets his. So whatever the verdict is, take it with a smile.

I am very sorry that I forgot to invite you boys down on a little visit to us for the Mardi Gras season as it will be over by the time you read this, but I can ask you down to enjoy with us the Azalea Trail. Miss America will be on hand to open the trail, which will be sometime in March, the exact date hasn't as yet been announced. Come if you can as it is surely something to see.

The Alabama Power Company's steam plant at Berry, Alabama, is fast moving on to completion and will be ready to roll in a very short time.

Well, boys, the annual game is shaping up and will get under way shortly after the opening of Congress—the annual battle over the Taft-Hartley Bill. All sorts of promises are made each year to try and pacify labor by making some changes in it. But to date no changes have been made. So this is election year, let's see what comes from the so-called

battle over it. I still contend that the only way we will get the proposed changes or better still, get rid of the bill altogether, is by putting our men in there. So let's all look over the roster, pick out our men, get behind them and elect them. This is the only way we will get anything we want. So let's do it. And do it as soon as possible. The sooner the better.

PERCY E. JOHNSON, P. S.

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Hope Spring Will Bring Employment

L. U. 527, GALVESTON, TEXAS—The Gulf Coast report from this area for this month certainly can't brag about the work situation. We find ourselves in the completion stage on the Sealy hospital after three years; two new high schools, several refinery units, and a chemical plant expansion also showing up on the list of jobs completed. We have been fortunate in being able to keep practically all of our boys here at home working. We are grateful that the lull is of short duration and expect to be kept busy with added petro-chemical expansion jobs by the time that spring really takes over the weather scene.

We and our affiliates of the Galveston Metal Trades recently concluded a "wage reopener" negotiation with Todd-Galveston Dry Docks that added seven cents per hour across the board and three additional paid holidays to the existing contract. This sets the marine scale at \$2.07 with six paid holidays. Brother G. M. Holland, electrical department steward in the plant, is our delegate to the Metal Trades Council. The Industrial Division of Galveston Metal Trades recently held elections for places on the plant-union committees of Carbide and Carbon. Paul H. Sumrall, electrical department steward at Carbide, was reelected to the committee with the distinction of receiving the most votes cast for any candidate in the election.

Our "sick-list" finds that we have Brothers G. T. Smith hospitalized with a cracked pelvis, Jack Yost at home with a broken leg, Harry Delaney and Al Gomez also "doing time" in the hospital. Eddie Guillory and Roland Carlton have been off the job with arm infections. Our pensioned Brother, A. A. Holcomb, of neighboring Port Arthur was hospitalized in our city, and he extends his thanks to Brothers L. C. Smith and M. M. Hocker for their blood donations. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

The long awaited benefits of our Electrical Welfare Plan are at last here. Several of our members have realized hospitalization and medical benefits. We anticipate that time and

experience will enable the plan to cover a wider spread of benefits that will more completely insure that the needs of our members and their families will be met.

LEE O. SCHELIN, B. M.

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Canton Member to Chairman Safety Group

L. U. 540, CANTON, OHIO—Greetings! You are finally going to hear from Local Union 540. I know we are way past due with our communications. We feel you will hear from now on from us here in Canton.

We are proud to announce that one of our members has been selected as chairman of the Joint Safety and Education Committee of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (photo enclosed). This committee has been formed in the interest of your safety to see to it that your jobs are made as safe as possible today. The future investigation and education will also prove safer tomorrow.

Our local is now in the midst of negotiations, the results of which I will report soon.

BOB LEACH, P. S.

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Steam Plant Employs Local 558 Members

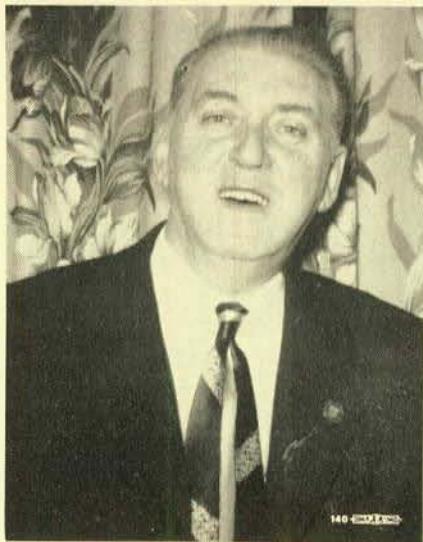
L. U. 558, SHEFFIELD, ALA.—Greetings Brothers and fellows everywhere. Greetings means good news or glad tidings. Well, I have no good news, only that there has been a relief just like a bursted balloon with the Colbert Steam Plant absorbing quite a few men the past month. We still have quite a few on the bench as yet.

Boys I'm not a fiction writer nor a comical writer, but I've just been informed that ole B. C. Thomas has come on our job and I'll draw him for a working buddie. What a pair! I know I'll be quieted down for he is larger than I, but I'll assure you that we will work in harmony with the bylaws.

Brothers and fellows, be it resolved that we of Local 558 record the passing of our friend and Brother, Eugene Thomas, card number 565194. His presence will be missed in our audience. Therefore, be it resolved that our charter be draped for 30 days. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his family and loved ones.

Well, the second day of February is here. The sun is out down Dixie way. Who knows? The groundhog could see his shadow. We of Local 558 hope ole John B. Smith will stay home that day. If he comes out and

PRESS SECRETARY of the Month



Frank Kelly

For our press secretary salute for this month of March we go north of the border to pay tribute to Brother Frank Kelly who has served L.U. 339, Fort William and Port Arthur, Ontario, faithfully for two years as press secretary.

Brother Kelly was born in Chester, England, of Irish parents, in 1895. He came to Canada and direct to Fort William in June 1909.

At the age of 17 he went to work at Fort William Hydro as a meter reader. This was in 1913. After a three-month period, Brother Kelly began to do installing and testing work and by February 1916 when he enlisted in the Canadian Army, he was in charge of the Meter Department. He served three and a half years in the Canadian Army and was wounded twice, the first time at Vimy Ridge in 1917 and again in the battle of Arras in August 1918. After the

sees his shadow, we will be sure of six more weeks of hard winter.

Brothers, your ole scribe is not making a want ad section, but I hear Kevil Haddock is in a bargaining position to locate a good fox hound or a cattle dog. I feel that ole Doug Grissom could locate one easily, and at a reasonable price. To you who like grape jam or jelly, Walter Bendall and Sullivan could arrange to get some for you, or get you into the vineyard since they are coming in, in nice sweet clusters.

Say Brothers, B. C. Thomas, who is chairman of the committee, has about all the data and will soon be able to give us information on health and accident insurance policy plans which will affect us all, and personally

Armistice Brother Kelly returned to his job at Fort William Hydro.

Brother Kelly's union career began with his initiation into L.U. 339 in 1913, at age 17. He was a member until 1921 when L.U. 339 "folded up." He was reinitiated in February 1927 when the local was reorganized and he has been a member in good standing ever since.

For more than 40 years Frank Kelly has taken an active part in the trade union movement. He has held all offices in Local Union 339 with the exception of that of president. He served as financial secretary from 1927 to 1931 and from 1940 to 1951. Brother Kelly was a delegate to the Trades and Labor Council for many years.

In 1929, Brother Kelly contracted arthritis, so badly that he had to retire from active work. He still continued to keep up all his union activities, however, first on canes, then crutches and finally in a wheel chair, to which he is still confined. At present Brother Kelly still serves his local as a member of the Executive Board, auditor and press secretary.

Brother Kelly was married in 1921 to a girl whom he describes as "the inspiration of my life in sickness and in health." Together they raised a family of five boys and one girl. One boy is a missionary priest stationed in Tokyo, Japan. Three others are electricians, two—members of L.U. 339 and the third a member of the Moulders Union. The other boy his dad says he calls his renegade because he wouldn't be an electrician but went into aircraft work. Brother Kelly's only daughter is married now, but formerly she was a telephone operator and member of the IBEW.

Congratulations to you, Brother Kelly, for a most interesting and worthwhile life. Keep up your good work and those fine articles.

I believe will be an asset to the local. If any of you out-of-town Brothers have a suggestion as to accident health insurance plan, I feel Brother Thomas would appreciate the information.

Brothers, the new poll tax amendment passed in the State of Alabama, giving those behind or who had never registered a chance to vote. This will add to our voting number in Alabama quite a lot. Let's all be sure to register and vote this May in our state and county election. And remember who favors and opposes labor. From where I sit, I know the tub, suds, mop and ole-time rub board should be used. Might be advisable to use an Air Wick.

Boys, concerning work in this area,

the television tower being built on the Tuscmibia mountain by Perry Electric Company has consumed a small number of men while Bagby Electric Company has terminated quite a few. There is a nice little job coming up at Huntsville, Alabama. Red Stone Arsenal with Comstock and Patterson contractors will break in the spring. Colbert Steam Plant is beginning to materialize and quite a few men relieved the bench last week and we hope soon all you fellows out of town will have the opportunity of coming home.

Boys, let's all attend our local meetings, then you will be able to voice your opinion as to what you like and

dislike. Let's all be men and Brothers in this great organization and quit knifing and low rating our Brothers in the organization. Follow the Golden Rule. Paul said, "When I was a child, I spoke as a child, but when I became a man, I put away childish things." So let's be men.

Brothers and fellows everywhere, I appreciate your letters and cards very much. That is encouraging, keep it up. Broadway, down in Louisiana, why did you mention Collinwood? What a joke!

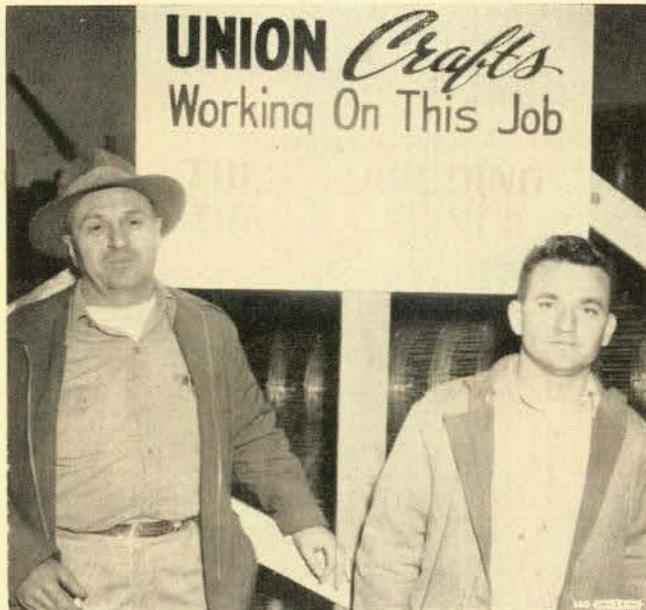
Food for thought: "A man who trims himself to suit everybody, will soon whittle himself away."

GRANVILLE O. ALLEN, P. S.

Unanimously Accept Revamped Bylaws

L. U. 569, SAN DIEGO, CALIF.—For the past several months L. U. 569 has been in the process of rewriting its Bylaws. The Bylaws Committee worked long and diligently to arrive at what they considered necessary changes and modifications of the present Bylaws. The long hours and hard work on the part of this committee paid off to the extent that the membership voted unanimously to accept the Bylaws after the second reading. The Bylaws Committee was given a standing vote of thanks for its efforts and we hereby thank its members

Local 584 on Tulsa Projects



At left, on the Tulsa, Okla., Courthouse site, Johnny Proctor and Bob Perreff point out new signs now seen on all jobs in the area of their local, No. 584. At right, Kenneth Smith, Roy Sheppard, Irish Goss, Charley Jameson, and Riley John on a remodel job.



At the Kewanee Oil Building are Bill Sartor, J. A. Bennett and Benny Hopkins of Local 584, at left. Harry Duff, Carl Smith and Glen Larrimore pose on the new Sunray job, right.

again. A grand job well done, Brothers. The effective date of the new Bylaws is, as of this writing, still subject to the approval of the International Office.

One of the highlights of the new Bylaws is the grouping of the various trades within the trade as follows: 569-1, Neon Sign; 569-2, Industrial Maintenance (Aircraft Plants); 569-3, Marine Electricians; 569-4, Motor Shops; 569-5, Radio, Sound and Television Technicians (R.S.T.). This gives these side groups opportunity to discuss and solve their own problems. Each group is headed by a chairman, recorder and Executive Committee and will hold regular monthly meetings.

L. U. 569 received a letter from L. U. 1710, Los Angeles, thanking it for helping to organize what may be the first company of its kind in the United States to go 100 percent IBEW. The company is known as Atkinson Enterprises and manufactures plastics for signs and fixtures. Possibly the largest outlet for this type of plastic is in the luminous ceiling type of lighting. There are three luminous ceiling jobs in San Diego at present. Architects in this area are cooperating by specifying luminous ceilings on remodel jobs wherever possible. This type of lighting is a real boom to the electrical trade because the whole ceiling becomes one huge lighting fixture and consequently electricians make the entire installation.

The Citizens' Committee on Salary Policy is a newly organized group here in San Diego. Its function is to study school salaries from all angles and then make recommendations regarding same. The committee has asked certain representatives from such groups as labor, industry and the San Diego Taxpayers Association to assist them in this work. L. U. 569 is fortunate in that its Business Manager-Financial Secretary Morrie J. Collins has shown such a constructive interest in community affairs that he was asked to represent labor in this endeavor. We are proud that this courtesy has been extended to us through our business manager.

PHILLIP M. GARVIN, P. S.

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Stage Stand Against Okla. Anti-Labor Law

L. U. 584, TULSA, OKLA.—Well, that ole calendar has rolled around again and it seems like only yesterday that I was writing the last report.

Negotiations are now complete with our soundmen and a fifteen-cent increase, a week's vacation and 40 hours sick leave were gained.

Things are a bit slow here at the present. The Iron Workers are out for a wage increase and a welfare

plan. I believe they are one of the first to ask for such a plan in this area and the contractors are quite reluctant to negotiate, claiming this would pave the way for all the other crafts. This may be so but as we all know the welfare of construction workers can be much improved.

The backers of a "Right-to-Work" Bill in this state have finally come out in the open and named their leaders. Organized labor here is now making plans to fight this bill with every means possible.

Our first course in cable splicing has ended and seems to have met with success, and some of the boys are now splicing in the field.

What I am lacking in journalism I will endeavor to make up in pictures. Here are a few shots taken on some of the jobs now going on in the downtown Tulsa area.

BOB DOOLEY, P. S.

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Lays Unemployment At Government's Door

L. U. 595, OAKLAND, CALIF.—Greetings to the Brotherhood and a kind expression of sympathy to those who have just passed the crisis of March 15th. Each year the bereavement is more severe, and we wonder if we can stand any more and we are told, sure the people can stand anything, only the poor Congressmen need more money.

There has been an understandable decrease in employment in this area and there are some members out of work. But as we see it, following a change in Administration, conditions are just about as we anticipated.

The changing conditions of our own existence provide for us the best proof of our own errors in judgment.

Change is synonymous with progress and the aged must be retired to antiquity. The following out of policies that have resulted in disaster in previous years will inevitably bring about the same result today, the same administrative policies that brought about the last depression will not now result in progress. The people at least deserve the novelty of a new thought.

On December 18, Local 595 was host to the old-timers again and as every year, it was an impressively staged affair (see pictures). The old-timers enjoyed themselves immensely.

Among the old-timers were Brothers eligible for 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, and one 60-year pin. The Committee of Presentation included: Vice President Harbak, Brother S. E. Rockwell, Brother Otto Rieman, Brother W. H. Diederichsen, business manager Local 617, Brother Charles J. Foehn, Business Manager Local 6, and Brother Homer Wilson, President Local 595. The celebrity of the evening was

Brother Jerry Tyler, who was presented a 60-year pin, and the lime light was shared by four 50-year members, Brothers L. P. Desimone, George Ohlin, Fred L. Knudsen and E. H. Ferrell our own beloved "Scotty."

The presentation was made by Brother Harbak, who spoke on the early days in the Brotherhood and reminded us all that we owed the old "stalwarts" a debt of gratitude. Then the 89-year (young) Brother Tyler was asked to reminisce about the old days.

Brother Tyler recalled the first electric line installation into Denver, Colorado in 1887 and the daily wage of \$2.00 per day for 10 hours work, although he said a very good man might make \$2.50 a day. A description of the material and tools of the time were given and Brother Tyler presented Brother Harbak with a working card in the National Electrical Workers dated 1893, and an alcohol torch of the period to take to Washington and place in the Archives of the IBEW.

Brother Harbak then called upon Brother Scotty Ferrell to come and be presented with a pin denoting 50 years good standing in the Brotherhood. Scotty was greeted with a spontaneous ovation by the entire membership present, signifying the affection and respect accorded this veteran member of Local 595.

Interesting talks were presented by Brother Otto Rieman and Brother Werner H. Diederichsen, business manager, Local 617 who was a very welcome guest of the evening.

After the presentations were concluded Business Manager Rockwell asked each of the old-timers to rise and give their names and the date and place of their initiation.

Upon conclusion of the regular business of the meeting the members and their guests repaired to the banquet room for the annual turkey and schnapps and the trimmings, which had been prepared by Business Manager Rockwell and his capable assistants, Brothers Kurt and Smock helped out by the Chief "Zimmy" and her assistants in the office plus various eager "volunteers." Due credit should be given all concerned for a very successful affair.

WM. O. (BILL) HURTADO, P. S.

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Babies Galore for Jackson, Miss., Members

L. U. 605, JACKSON, MISS.—Let it never be said that the young couples down here in Mississippi are not doing their share to repopulate the earth. Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Osteen, Jr., of Jackson, Mississippi, are the proud parents of a baby girl, born October 27, 1953, weight six pounds, six ounces, and her name is Vera Ann

At Oakland "Old Timers" Meeting



Two of the proudest moments at the "Old Timers" meeting of Local 595, Oakland, Calif., are pictured here: International Representative O. G. Harbak and President H. E. Wilson of Local 595 join in presenting certificates and extending congratulations to H. E. Farrell (left) for 50 years of local membership and to Jerry Tyler, who has carded the amazing total of 60 years of good standing with the local (right).



The 50-year members of Local 595 pose with the officers: (from left) Brothers L. P. Desimone; Jerry Tyler; President Wilson; Vice President Harbak; George Ohlin; Fred L. Knudsen, and E. H. Ferrell.



At the "Old Timers" meeting, left to right: W. H. Diederichsen, Business Manager, Local 617, San Mateo, Calif.; International Vice President O. G. Harbak, 9th District, San Francisco, Calif.; H. E. Wilson, President of Local 595, Oakland, Calif.; Otto Rieman, International Representative of San Francisco Office; Charles J. Foehn, Business Manager of Local 6, San Francisco, and S. E. Rockwell, Business Manager-Financial Secretary of Local 595, Oakland, Calif.

Osteen. Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Allday of Hernando, Mississippi, are happy to announce the birth of their son, December 12, 1953. His name is Curtis Haven Allday, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Nathan A. Pack of Jackson, Mississippi, happily announce the arrival of their seven-pound, 15-ounce boy on January 11, 1954, and his name is Stephen Alan Pack.

We understand that all the mothers and babies are doing nicely and most of the papas. We have it from reliable sources however that just about the time of the real expectancy one of these papas *just up and flat-footed fainted*. We do not know how

much difficulty was encountered in resuscitation, but will tell you that his first name is Curtis and his last name is Allday, and that he has completely recovered. Seriously we congratulate these fine couples along with these young Americans and wish them many years of health and happiness.

We are happy to see Brother Percy Burke back on the job after a brief encounter with his doctor recently. At our regular meeting on January 15, 1954, Brother H. D. Williams reported the serious auto accident of our Brother Edward Earl Canada. It seems the accident happened near Camden, Arkansas and after eight

days he was removed from the hospital there to the Veterans Hospital here in Jackson. We know that his many friends will be anxiously wishing for his speedy recovery. Brother Earl Hendrixon was informed by telephone from the hospital during the meeting that he is showing definite improvement, which makes us very happy.

We have been seeing our old friend and Brother Edward Moss out at several of our regular meetings recently. Brother Moss suffered a serious accident on the job in Jackson several months ago, and it is mighty good to see him up and about again. Our best wishes go out to you for your speedy and complete recovery Brother Moss.

Brother Scott made a very interesting report from the Central Labor Body to our last regular meeting on January 15, 1954. Also at the same meeting Brother Bill Hooper from Kosciusko gave some interesting and valuable information concerning the anticipated Mississippi (union busting) "Right-to-Work" Bill. Incidentally we intend to fight this bill to the last ditch.

A good friend and Brother, H. J. Hebert (Bill Abair) passed away January 21, 1954, and the services were to be held at Landry's Funeral Home in Napoleonville, Louisiana, January 23. He came to Jackson in 1946 and worked in this area about six years, and gained many friends who will mourn his passing. So to the family we offer our deepest sympathy.

J. W. RUSSELL, P. S.

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Local 607 Observes Silver Anniversary

L. U. 607, SHAMOKIN, PA.—The outstanding event in the history of Shamokin Local Union No. 607 took

place Saturday, January 23rd when it observed and celebrated its silver jubilee, commemorating the 25th anniversary of its organization, with a banquet, testimonial exercises, entertainment and dancing in the American Legion Ballroom, Shamokin.

More than 200 persons, including union officers and members, their wives, guests and high-ranking officials of the Brotherhood, state, and regional units of the I.B.E.W., and labor representatives attended the event.

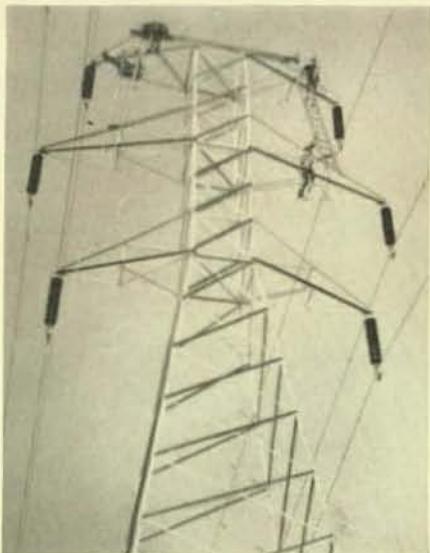
Highlights of the anniversary observance were addresses by prominent I.B.E.W. officials and ceremonies which honored 25-year members which included Joseph Graham, Oscar Hirt, Alexander Jacoski, Charles D. Krebs, Fred Walburn and Andrew Zator. International Vice President Joseph W. Liggett, Third District, presented scrolls, 25-year service pins and engraved loving cups to the honored members.

International Vice President Liggett was the principal speaker during the after-dinner exercises and outlined the formation and development of the Brotherhood during the various periods of its growth; its accomplishments and matters affecting legislation and benefits to the members, and the cooperation and service between the local unions and the International Office.

The program was opened with welcoming remarks by Orville A. Robbins, chairman of the anniversary committee. After singing of "America," Rev. George G. Shilling, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, Shamokin, pronounced invocation. F. Robert Phillips, local union president delivered an address of welcome and introduced International Representative Alfred Terry as the master of ceremonies for the celebration.

Other speakers on the program were Clayton Smith, Sr., President of the Pennsylvania State Electrical Workers Association and Business Manager of Norristown Local Union 380 and Eugene A. Burke, Vice President of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor and Business Manager of Wilkes-Barre Local Union 163. Monsignor George D. Mulcahy, pastor

In Local 605's Jurisdiction



M. V. Hinton, veteran member of Local 605, Jackson, Miss., is seen at left. Being a good tradesman with tools or in a supervisory position, he was general foreman on a recent hi-line job. At right, four unidentified members of the local put the finishing touches on a steel tower line.

of St. Edward's Catholic Church, Shamokin, offered benediction.

Guests included W. Eugene Sayres and Henry Steibing, International Representatives, and business managers from Chester, Easton, Hazleton, Philadelphia, Reading, Wilkes-Barre and Williamsport.

A show followed the program and the entertainers included Frankie Schluth, master of ceremonies; Homer and Holly, acrobatic dancers; The Musical Chefs, serenaders; The Brownlees, girl singers; and Boden and Boden, banjoists. Music for the program, dinner, show and dancing was provided by Deacon Hill's orchestra of Berwick. Dinner was prepared and served by members of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary. Refreshments were served and dancing continued until a late hour.

In the anniversary souvenir program, actuated by sentiment of the older residents of Shamokin and the great inventions and the early associations with the "Wizard of Menlo Park" this correspondent was impelled to devote some space and there-

by honor Thomas Alva Edison for his connection in the late nineteenth century on the erection of a central power station in Shamokin. Another historical distinction afforded Shamokin was the installation of incandescent lighting in St. Edward's Catholic Church in Shamokin, giving to that impressive edifice of worship the historical distinction of being the first church on this continent to be lighted by electricity.

In nearby Sunbury, Edison built another early electric plant that had overhead or pole line construction, and here was first used the "three-wire system" of distribution. It was from this plant that the City Hotel in Sunbury (now the Edison) was the first commercial building in the world to be illuminated by electricity.

Officers of the local union are: F. Robert Phillips, president; Russel G. Singley, vice president; Richard Williams, recording secretary; Henry T. Belena, treasurer; Francis M. Iwaniski, financial secretary; Edward J. Buggy, business manager; Lewis W. Klauger, Walter Patton, F. Robert

Banquet Staged as Celebration



Scene of the banquet commemorating the 25th Anniversary of Local 607, Shamokin, Pa.

Phillips, Harry R. Raup, Russel G. Singley, Andrew J. Slodysko, Conway Wingate, Executive Board.

We list here the members of the Anniversary Committee: Orville A. Robbins, chairman, Henry T. Belena, Charles W. Cummings, Francis M. Iwanski, Charles V. Mackert, F. Robert Phillips, Harry R. Raup, Robert C. Waldvogel, Richard Williams, Edward J. Buggy, William A. Dakshaw, Lewis W. Klauger, Walter Patton, Peter Miller, Russel G. Singley, Frederick C. Weber, Conway Wingate and Lewis W. Yohey.

Accompanying photographs give the pictorial story of the anniversary celebration depicting the presentation, banquet and officers.

FRANCIS M. IWANSKI, F. S.

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Pay Hike for Men Of Parsons Local

L. U. 634, PARSONS, KANS.—It has been some time since I've written, but we now have some things we would like to pass on to our fellow members and Brothers of our local who are away from home.

Our business manager was successful in our latest wage negotiations so that effective September 21, 1953, we received a 15-cent hourly increase plus a travel-time pay clause. This brought our scale to \$2.80 per hour, and effective January 1, 1954, we received another 10-cent hourly increase which places us at \$2.90 per hour at present.

Enclosed are photographs of our projects for the Kansas Gas and Electric Company. Ebasco Services, Inc. has the contract. The plant site is across the Neosho River from Neosho plants one and two.

The steel is going up in fine fashion and we have our OCBs in place. A lot of the ditch work is finished.

The project designation is: The Neosho Steam Electric Station, Unit No. three. It is a 66,000 KW installation.

Photo number one is looking to the

west from the river's edge across the proposed switch yard site. Some of our OCBs are in the foreground. The generator will sit on the pedestals in left center with the steel protruding from the top.

The second photo is looking to the east and taken from the water tower. This photo also shows our OCBs in place with the proposed switch yard site directly to the rear of the OCBs. The Neosho River is in the background, and in the extreme right background can be seen the old plants one and two plus the switch yards across the river.

GEORGE L. TUCKER, P. S.

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Local Support of March of Dimes

L. U. 637, ROANOKE, VA.—Flash! The Electrical Workers cooperated with other unions of the American Federation of Labor to make the "March of Dimes" a success in Roanoke. The jobs were solicited for donations. A dance was sponsored and the American Federation of Musicians furnished the orchestra. A snow storm the day of the dance cut the attendance but we were pleased with the results.

This is one way of gaining favorable strength for an unselfish cause.

S. M. TEMPLETON, P. S.

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Military Service of Elizabeth Members

L. U. 675, ELIZABETH, N. J.—Local 675, Elizabeth, recently welcomed home Major Roy Pope back from the Air Force.

Robert McGann has served notice that his hitch in the Navy ends in March.

Brothers William Ratchford and Harry Holtaway have been hospitalized. The Brothers of L. U. 675 wish you both a speedy recovery.

The local's Welfare Plan is sched-

uled to go into effect in the near future.

Hospitalization for the member, and his family, plus a \$2000 dollar life insurance policy for the member is included in the plan which was part of our wage contract negotiations.

GEORGE H. AARON, P. S.

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Views of Local On Supervision

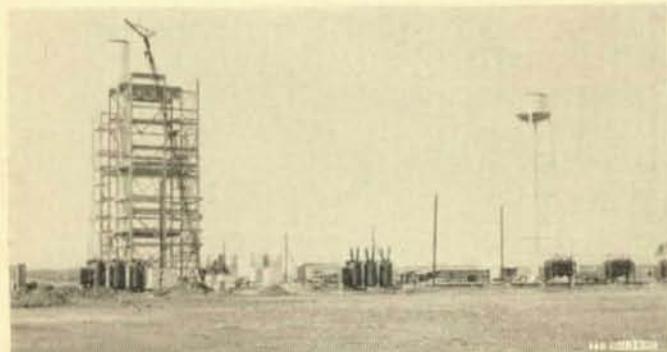
L. U. 692, BAY CITY, MICH.—Each year about this time I end up the season in my own jurisdiction and what a time of the year I choose, a January thaw one day and a blizzard the next. I wrote an article for the JOURNAL a year ago and said I'd try and get one in every month through the year, but a few days later I was on the tramp again, and that ended the good intentions.

In our travels around, many Brothers ask how we are doing up here, so here is about how it stands. We are, and our two neighbor locals, Saginaw and Flint, still are under the supervision of the International Office. So far as I can see or determine, everything is quiet on the Western Front as they say. Some are for and some are against the International Office setup, but I don't know of anything that can please all the people all the time or even part of it. At least from my observation, the local operates as a business-like organization. Our office is located downtown in suitable quarters.

Until recently Brother Bonem acted as financial secretary and office manager. Brother Bonem is now in the field and Brother Gerald Ryder, our business manager has taken over the duties of financial secretary as an economy measure.

I do, however, miss the old meetings we had in the Eagles Hall when you could meet a few of the Brothers and the good old baked ham snacks after the meeting, as ordered by President Charles Bleicher. Also the good old days when Southeastern out

Construction Job for Local 634



These views of the Neosho Steam Electric Station of the Kansas Gas and Electric Company, a project of Local 634, Parsons, Kans., are fully described in the local's letter.

Members of Alexandria Local



At left is a meeting of Local 699, Alexandria, Va., and at right, Brother J. A. Weyraugh, local financial secretary and treasurer.



Brother L. M. Bledsoe, International Representative and business agent for the locals working on the properties of Vepco, Local Recording Secretary Marshall Fones, and Brother Charles M. Zuidema, president and business manager of Local 699.

at Dow's put on a good fish fry for the boys, and our annual banquets with Fred Nitschky entertaining.

About our work here, at present most all are working, a few on the bench, but not for too long. I was surprised to know of the large amount of work some of the small contractors have and the amount of employees. Four of us are on a small job being done by Bowling Electric of Detroit. Brother Chaffin and myself with Cecil Beltnic as foreman and Richard Ramsden, Jr., as helper. Ramsden had just returned from a hitch in the Marine Corps. Dick is mighty handy with the hickey and has all the qualifications of being a top man like his dad in electrical work. Work is a little slow here, but that is to be expected at this time of the year. On leaving here last year, I went to Paducah, Kentucky, and worked about eight months on the atomic job. I thoroughly enjoyed myself in Kentucky. It is a beautiful state. The people are very friendly and almost make you want to live there permanently, which I think I would if I was several years younger. The boys in 816 are a good lot and I attended one of the meetings in their new quarters before I left for Ypsilanti to get on that hot job for G. M. On the way up I stopped off at Jackson to visit

my old pal, Brother Hank Foor, former business agent for the Jackson local and now president and business agent for the federation. From there to Ann Arbor for assignment on the Ypsilanti job. Was placed with Brooker Electric Company of Detroit. Brothers Chaffin, Trapp, Clark and James Nitschky, Barbor, Ken Shook, Williams and Don Paterson from L. U. 692 were there. I was placed at the materials window by Foreman Charles Weidman and stayed there throughout the job. We had about a thousand wire jerkers on the Brooker side and from all over the United States.

It was a great break for me as I had a chance to meet men from locals in every state in the union. My old friend Joe Bealer was steward and they don't come any better than Joe. I hope that the press secretary from Ann Arbor gives the business manager from that local a good word for his work in the skillful manner he handled the situation where so many men were involved, and I can say that the Ann Arbor local is one the entire IBEW can be proud of. The friendliness of the membership of that local from the top brass down cannot go by unmentioned. With so much overtime, our checks were almost unbelievable and I'm sure all of us had a real

Christmas that won't be forgotten for many a year. Mr. General Motors paid a good price for a job to be done well and fast. He showed his appreciation by sending a small truck throughout the plant with a large sign thanking the construction men for being two weeks ahead of schedule and operation hydromatic in full swing again. Those big checks brought a lot of happiness to us.

I paid off some debts, got mamma a Westinghouse Electric Clothes Dryer and some other things she has wanted and didn't expect to get; the girls and boys all fixed up with nice new clothes and things they have wished for. Mamma was so happy she had to cry. We have had 15 children with 14 living and 11 at home, and to add more joy to more, our handsome daughter, Carol, age 16, who was stricken with polio in early September and who we all prayed so hard for, that she might get well again, was able to be home with us, and almost fully recovered. So the year of 1953 was not so bad after all and one to be remembered for years to come. You know this Brotherhood of ours is a great Brotherhood. If you just stop and look for it, it's not hard to find.

In our local or any local you will find Brothers with a heart of gold. I

am away from home the greater part of the year. I have been invited out to Sunday dinners and a pleasant afternoon so many different times, and I know it is just to keep me from getting too lonesome, I suppose, and there is often a car trip here or there to see something new. When you are getting up in age and your feet get a little heavy or the old ticker isn't just right, a Brother is always there to help—some words of encouragement—a little lift, anything to make the work more pleasant—a smile, a kind word. Sometimes you feel so grateful that neither words nor pen can say.

LEONARD WALTERS, P. S.

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Curtailed Production In Alexandria Plant

L. U. 699, ALEXANDRIA, VA.—This is my first report in these columns from Local 699. I shall do my best to let you hear more from us in the future.

We are having a reduction in forces at the power plant here in Alexandria, Virginia, due to a curtailment in production of electricity at that station. The new and larger plants recently built by the company are now carrying the major part of the load. Generally speaking, however, employment has been fairly good.

We had a very enjoyable meeting on the evening of January 6, 1954. Brother J. C. McIntosh, International Representative, and Brother L. M. Bledsoe, Business Manager of the System Council, paid us a visit that evening. Pictures of the officers and members who were in attendance at that meeting accompany this letter. The pictures were made by Brother McIntosh.

Negotiations with our employer, the Virginia Electric and Power Company, are scheduled to begin sometime during the month of February.

The Safety Poster appearing on the back cover of this issue of the JOURNAL is the result of an idea suggested by Brother William R. Cunningham, line shop steward. Brother Cunningham posed for the picture as the lineman testing the line to make sure it has been de-energized. He is using a "Glowtector," a simple but positive device that tells whether a line or circuit is "dead" or energized.

Arrangements for the picture were made through the courtesy of the Virginia Electric and Power Company. Photography by Mr. J. E. Weber, JOURNAL photographer.

EDWARD F. BURTON, P. S.

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Contract with Huge Transformer Shop

L. U. 702, WEST FRANKFORT, ILL.—Local Union 702 recently completed

negotiations with the management of the Dowzer Electric Machinery Works, Inc., of Mt. Vernon, Illinois on the first union agreement ever to cover the service shop which has gained national recognition as the largest distribution transformer repair shop in the United States. The firm has built the business on the wide range of quality service it offers Power Companies, R. E. A. Cooperatives, oil and industrial firms and other electrical repair shops.

Dowzer services include rebuilding electric motors, voltage regulators, oil circuit reclosers, small generators, street light regulators and control equipment. But the service that makes Dowzer outstanding is its production line methods complete with conveyor systems, for volume work on small power transformer rewind and repair work.

Semi-trailer trucks, equipped with a hydraulically operated device that lifts equipment from ground level to truck bed height, travel 15 routes for pick up and delivery service. These routes extend into the states of Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, Arkansas, Missouri, Iowa, Indiana and West Virginia.

All transformers are thoroughly tested before disassembly. Damaged coils then are stripped down. Transformers not requiring rewinding go to a bake oven for bake out and minor repairs. New coils are tested after leaving the bake oven and the entire transformer unit receives a final test after assembly. These tests are in accordance with specifications established in 1948 for Transformer Rebuilding Standards by the National Industrial Service Association, Inc.

The plant has modern equipment and an efficient shop layout to permit maintaining a rigid production and service schedule. Recently a new building was put in service for the stripping operation. Stripping and cleaning is facilitated by use of power chisels and a chemical degreaser. Electric hoists are used for heavy lifting. Cleaned tanks are spray painted on the inside and the outside. After the primer and finish coats of paint are applied the freshly painted transformer cases are conveyed to a gas oven which is used to cure the paint.

Winding of new coils has Dowzer techniques in order to get maximum efficiency and produce the best possible workmanship. A complete set of records are kept in regard to data for incoming transformers. This information includes memorandums, purchase sheets, delivery tickets, winding data, work instructions, special requests of customers, core loss, copper loss, ratio and other characteristics.

Dowzer also installs core and coil replacement assemblies for 60 cycle,

single phase transformers. These units are installed in accordance with manufacturers' specifications and recommendations. These units carry the manufacturers' guarantee and also Dowzer's guarantee on the proper installation in the customers case. Line Material Company, Allis Chalmers Manufacturing Company, Maloney Electric Company and Wagner Electric Corporation have authorized Dowzer to install their products.

The Motor Department rewinds and repairs fractional horsepower motors in addition to the larger motors. The oil circuit recloser and sectionalizer reconditioning workers check, dismantle, clean, recondition, test and adjust the OCB's. They also weld if necessary to make repaired transformers resemble new equipment both in appearance and performance.

The Dowzer service trucks which are equipped for repairs in the field are available in the geographic area which approximately coincides with Local Union 702's jurisdiction. The servicemen are high caliber mechanics and are often called upon to solve complicated problems for their customers. They may be called upon to rewind a piece of equipment in the customer's plant.

Local Union 702 and the Brotherhood acquired first class mechanics and skilled tradesmen and tradeswomen when the Dowzer workers voted to join the IBEW. We have good reason to be proud to have the Dowzer workers in the Brotherhood. We know the Dowzer workers will have good reason to be proud of the IBEW.

R. F. LYTHGOE, Ass't. B. M.

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12½ Cent Boost in New Fla. Contract

L. U. 728, FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA.—Another month has rolled past and it is time to get to press.

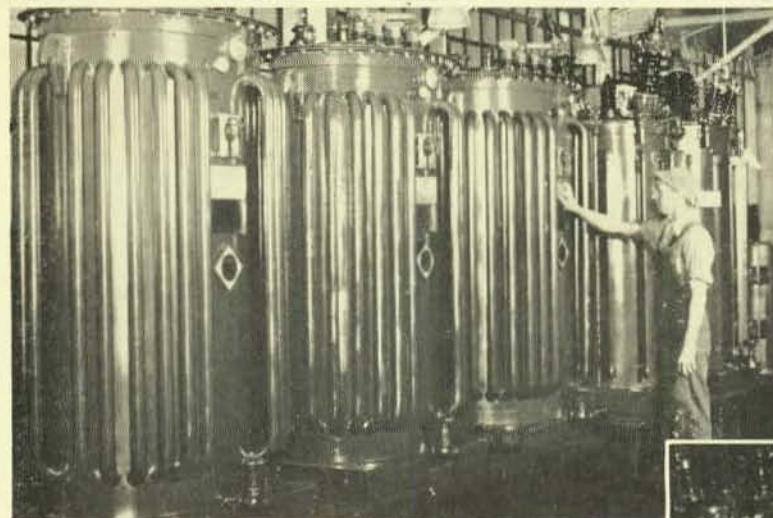
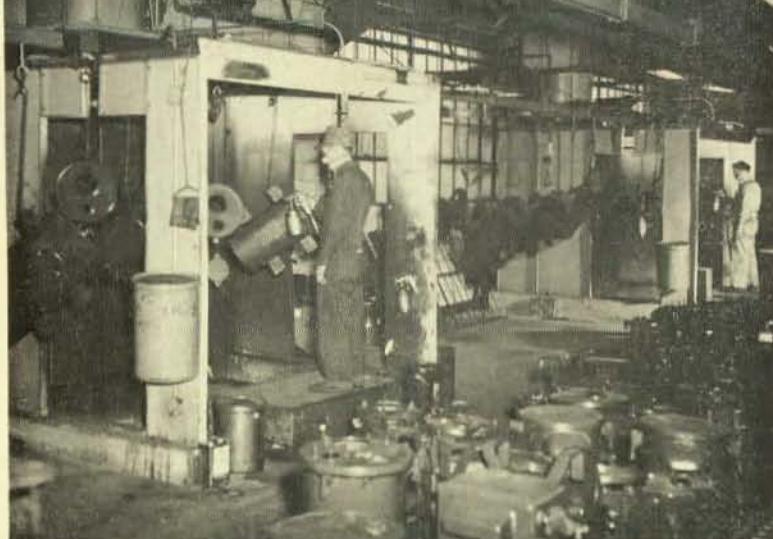
Our Negotiating Committee is to be commended for the new contract they worked so hard to get for us. A 12-1/2 cent per hour increase and quite a few new and improved working conditions wasn't easy by any means.

The usual slump is beginning to be felt. Jobs are finished in preparation for our winter visitors. New jobs, which are not started until after our visitors leave are still on the architects' boards or in the stage of estimating, so some of us will have a little time to catch up on our fishing and hobbies.

With all respect to our former business managers, our new Business Manager, Brother Ray Sallaz, is right on the job and getting around. Never know when he is going to show up out on the jobs. Certain little petty grievances are clearing up fast with Brother Sallaz at the wheel. The new

Shop in Local 702 Jurisdiction

Left: Spray painting, primer and finish coats are applied on conveyor line of the Dowzer Company.



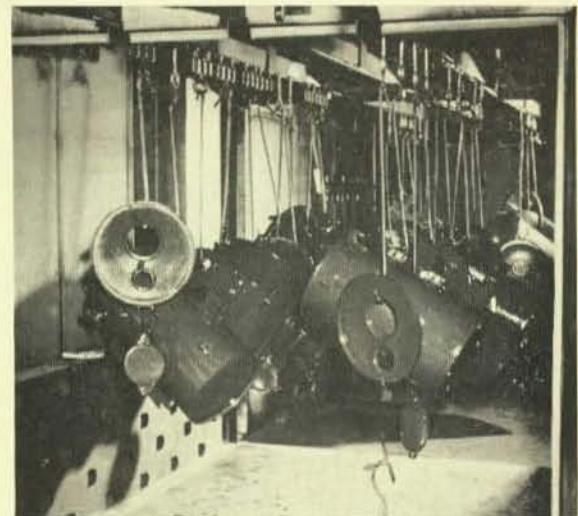
Above: Production scene at Dowzer Electric Machinery Works at Mt. Vernon, Ill.

Right: Member of Local 702 gives final inspection to transformers before they start for job sites.

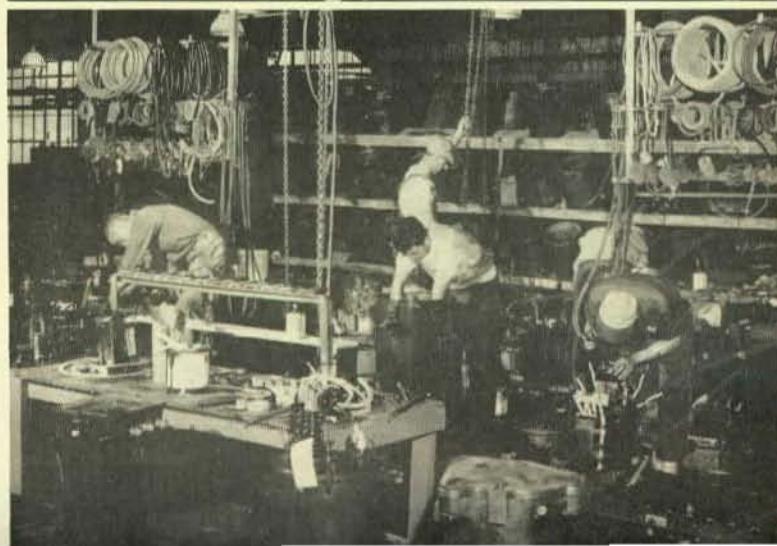
Below: Member of Local 702 rewinds a 500-KVA transformer.



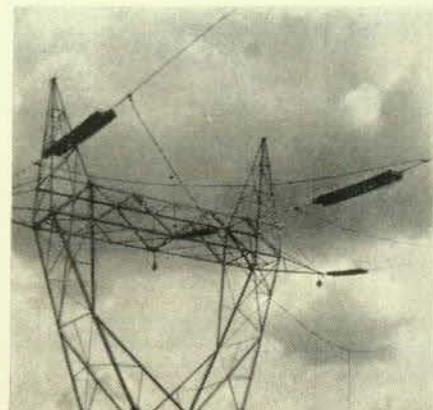
Right: Production line serviced by roller conveyor in left foreground.



Above: Transformer casings dry after paint by Local 702 members.



Transmission Installation in Brazil



Scenes of the installation of giant transmission towers in the jungles of Brazil by Morrison-Knudson Company, Inc., under Project Manager Ross Crabtree of IBEW. The dimensions are 108 feet by 66 feet on this 230 kv line at left. Center, a clipping crew of Brazilian workmen on tower. Right, the French design on transposition.

car, which was purchased for the use of the business manager, might be one reason Brother Sallaz is covering the jurisdiction so well.

One of our larger jobs, a shopping center with lots and lots of parking space, has just been completed. It took, in addition to the regular working force on the job, a number of our members working many overtime hours to complete. (Will send a picture at a later date.)

The weather is fine, everybody is happy. And that makes for a good ending to this report. Greetings to all our members away from home and to our members in the Armed Forces.

CARL A. BJORKMAN, P. S.

Work Prospects up For Kalispell Local

L. U. 768, KALISPELL, MONT.—It has been some time since you received a report from Local 768 for the JOURNAL. Work opportunities during the past year have been very scarce for members of Local 768. Prospects for 1954 look better with the Anaconda Aluminum Company plant getting under way. For the information of members of the Brotherhood interested in working at this plant, we wish to advise that no outside help will be needed until possibly July or August of this year. It is our intention, when outside help is needed, to

contact the various local unions for men.

Donovan, Inc., of St. Paul has the electrical sub-contract from Foley Constructors of Montana. We are very fortunate to have W. R. Beaver, Ross Crabtree and Lex Foresee as top supervisors for Donovan on the aluminum plant construction.

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers recently played a major part in the construction of two steel tower transmission lines marching across 500 miles of Brazilian jungle and desert to bring new power to two coastal cities.

Ross Crabtree, who is now assistant electrical superintendent for Donovan, Inc. on the Anaconda Company's new aluminum plant at Columbia Falls, Montana, and a member of the IBEW, acted as Project Manager for the Morrison-Knudson Company, Inc. who performed this work in Brazil for Companhia Hidro Eletrica de Sao Francisco.

Morrison-Knudson began its work for CHESF, as the Brazilian power company is familiarly known, on June 1, 1951, but was delayed for awhile because of the Korean War which tied up steel for the transmission towers. In March, 1951, Mr. Crabtree called on our International Representative Stanley E. Thompson to locate Pat Ridenour, Bill Waters, Pete Rinehart and Archie Jones, all IBEW members. Mr. Crabtree had engaged Kenneth Torgerson of Wolf Point, Montana, another IBEW member, as transportation superintendent.

Representative Thompson soon located these able line construction men who had built lines all over America, on IBEW jobs, and they were on their way to South America, where as supervisors, they soon trained smooth working Brazilian line construction teams, who became the equals of any line crews.

Right-hand man to Crabtree on the transmission line was Pat Ridenour,

Complete Job for Local 812



Members of Local 812, Williamsport, Pa., pose in the recently completed State Office Building at Montoursville, Pa. The details of the project are given in the press secretary's letter.

field superintendent, who with Crabtree and the others had established a reputation in 1948 on 300 miles of transmission line across Montana from Fort Peck Dam.

The 240-mile line to Recife, a metropolis of 500,000 was finished in 1953. The line reaching 260 miles to Salvador, a city of 400,000 was completed by July 31st, two months ahead of schedule.

In February, 1953, a total of 65 miles of line was completed. To hit this production figure, 256 of the large towers, 90 and 110 feet high, were built and the five power cables strung and suspended from their insulators. Each tower consists of 250 pieces of structural steel.

The lines cross a land of extremes. In the coastal areas the rugged mountains are matted with jungle growth

known as "mata" and the rain pours down from 8 to 10 inches monthly from April to July. The interior country in the region of Paulo Afonso is desert or "sertao" where the builders were plagued with sudden cloud-bursts.

The IBEW can well be proud of their line builders who proved that they can do the job in any land or country under any conditions. In

At Chillicothe Local 832



Officers and Stewards of Local 832, Chillicothe, Ohio: (seated at the desk from left to right) Roger Butterbaugh, president; Howard Stigler, financial secretary; Farrell Rhinehart, treasurer; William Weaver, recording secretary; standing behind the President is Paul Walsh, vice president.



The fine turn-out for the Christmas dinner to benefit needy children staged by Local 832 is shown above and below.



Brazil the jungles were added obstacles to these members who blaze the pathways for power.

We are enclosing three pictures taken during the construction of this line in Brazil.

VELVA ELGIN, P. S.

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Describes Interesting Installation Features

L. U. 812, WILLIAMSPORT, PA.—We are indeed quite happy here in 812 to report a project, just now completed known as the District Pennsylvania State Office Building, located in Montoursville, Pennsylvania, just four miles from Williamsport, Pennsylvania, the home of Local Union 812.

The lighting in this building is quite unique, so we thought it might be of some interest to explain just a few of the details of the project, and the modern example of adequate lighting.

This one room pictured, is 60 feet wide by 110 feet long, illuminated with two tube 8-foot fixtures, 96 feet continuous strip lighting with 13 fixtures in each row, consisting of seven rows.

The electrical contractor on the property is Oliver M. Shaffer of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, who took great pride in this project as he does on all jobs which has established him a fine reputation in the electrical industry.

The members of 812 in the accompanying picture are J. A. Houseknecht, Oliver M. Shaffer, John W. Yoder, and O. F. Reeser. Those absent when this picture was taken are: Richard R. Conser and Roscoe R. Swank.

These members of 812 did a beautiful job on this project and we are quite proud of them.

O. F. REESER, B. M.

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Yule Dinner Staged For Needy Children

L. U. 832, CHILLICOTHE, OHIO—December 6, 1953, Local 832 had a steak dinner preceding the regular meeting. Brother Fred Nixon was in charge of the arrangements and performed an admirable job of furnishing the membership with the best meeting we ever had. The proceeds of the dinner, served by the members of the Nelsonville Elks Lodge, went to provide a Merry Christmas for the underprivileged children of the area. Our sincerest thanks to the Elks for the wonderful hospitality we received and the opportunity to help out the youngsters.

At the meeting it was decided what members would sit in on the coming negotiation meetings with the Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric Company.

Our membership now numbers over 300 and is growing with the expansion of the utility we cover. The Atomic Plant in this locality has increased the influx of people to the area helping our work to expand by leaps and bounds. Waverly, a part of Chillicothe, is soon to become a separate division because of the increased customers in the locality. Our present expansion is even greater than in the early war years.

We were sorry to learn that Brother Wayne Frye, Hillsboro steward, lost his home and all furnishings in a fire just before Christmas.

ROGER BUTTERBAUGH, President.

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Visitors in Jackson For Holiday Season

L. U. 835, JACKSON, TENN.—Greetings, from yours truly and Local Union 835. Thanks to each of you for letting me prattle on each month.

Local Union 835 had some visitors during the Christmas holidays. Ham Howse out of Georgia, Brother Howse is a former member of this local. We also had the pleasure of having Brother "Curly" McMillian in for a short visit.

The T.V.A. Wage Conference is over and we appreciate the raise we got. Thanks to T. H. Payne and Clyde Harkins and all the delegates of this Wage Conference for a job well done.

Hugh Kilpatrick wishes to thank each person who has sent along cards of encouragement—"Kil" is looking forward to this spring—it looks like he will be out among his neighbors by then.

TO THE LITTLE BOSS*

Safety in Foremanship—

Ways to Develop Worker Morale:

1. Show respect for the efforts and abilities of your workers.
2. Show appreciation—give praise when deserved.
3. Shoot straight—keep your promises.
4. Appeal to pride of group accomplishment.
5. Appeal to sense of competition.
6. Show your people that you can work as hard as you expect them to work.

*WATCH THIS SPACE FOR FURTHER SAYINGS.

The best of everything to each of you from yours truly.

J. W. GOODWIN, P. S.

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Notes Expansion of Sylvania Division

L. U. 840, GENEVA, N. Y.—Guess it is about time the Finger Lakes Region was heard from again. Nothing

very exciting has happened since my last contribution. Mainly, however, we have been pretty busy—especially yours truly. For a time we had trouble manning the many jobs in our jurisdiction, but our business manager, Charlie Theise, worked nights on the subject so nobody suffered too much.

The Seneca Falls branch of the Sylvania Company (picture tube division) has expanded greatly in the past few years and furnished us with a lot of work. The present expansion program is about completed so the many out of town men are gradually seeking greener fields.

By the time this is published, Local 840 will have had its annual Ladies Night (steak dinner with all the trimmings). I will try to make a good report on the success of same at a future date.

Brother Shaw reports a good attendance and good progress in our apprentice school.

ROY H. MELDRIM, P. S.

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Local 890 Honors Retiring F. S. Kuhlow

L. U. 890, JANESVILLE, WIS.—We are happy to say that local 890 has negotiated a pay raise of 15 cents an hour which brings our scale to \$2.80 per hour as of January 1, 1954. There was much negotiating between the Bargaining Committee and contractors which took quite some time in the making, but as always they came through.

Work here is at an even keel and all members are gainfully occupied. We have many projects coming up in the near future.

On December 20th, Local 890 had a Christmas party in honor of Brother William Kuhlow, retiring financial secretary. Brother Kuhlow has been with Local 890 from the time its charter was written in the year 1918. Brother Kuhlow stated times were very rugged in those days and in 1933 only three members remained out of the few that had once belonged. Brother Kuhlow served as treasurer, recording secretary, business manager and financial secretary. Financial secretary was his longest tenure of office which he held until his retirement in 1953.

Members in those days had to find their own employment when the local was in its infancy. As times got better more members were initiated and officers elected to perform their duties for the good of the union. Brother Kuhlow must indeed have a deep satisfaction in having seen Local 890 start its charter membership and then grow to the greatness of today.

We have a fine local union of which its members can well be proud. The members themselves can accept the

Pensioners Feted in New Jersey



Locals 864 and 1684 of Jersey City, N.J., staged a joint celebration in November to honor their pensioned members.

credit for making it what it is today. United and together we can weather any hardship and opposition. May we forever preserve our principles and membership in the great International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

President Henry G. Ringhardt gave a fine speech commanding Brother Kuhlow for his loyal and dependable service. He presented Brother Kuhlow with a \$100 savings bond with the compliments of the members of Local Union 890.

We had a great turnout for the party and a good time was had by all, especially the children. The children made the party, for what is Christmas without the happy faces of youngsters?

Brother Art Cullen portrayed the part of Santa Claus which went over in a big way with the children.

In closing I may add that Brother Art Cullen was chosen to be our new financial secretary. Brother Cullen has been a member in good standing. His honesty, loyalty and dependability have earned him the honor of this office. May he forever receive the full support of our members to serve his office to the best of his ability.

C. J. BONOMO, P. S.

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Local 1029 Adopts Blue Cross Plan

L. U. 1029, WOONSOCKET, R. I.—The members in this local have just taken out a group plan in the Blue Cross and surgical benefits for their own benefits, payable by themselves every month. Not having any benefits on welfare in their contract, they decided that this group plan was a good plan. It will save some of the members a few pennies a month.

Many thanks to the following members for offering their services to be on this Blue Cross Committee: Brothers John Cote, Robert Dunne, Marcel Wante and Stephen Menard. You boys are doing a grand job, and the rest of the members know it. If a few more members would only step



Among those pensioners cited at the banquet were, left to right: General Foreman F. Wendt, C. McCloskey, Vice President J. J. Duffy, M. Healey, and E. Roach. Seated: J. Rooney.



More guests at pensioners' party: Brothers J. Deacy, B. Smith, Vice President J. J. Duffy, W. Armonaitis, P. Meehan, J. Rooney, and C. McCloskey. Seated: Brother Saugowski.

forward and offer their services to serve on committees or be delegated to conventions or even run for an officer's post, and not wait for the other fellow to do it, we would have a lot more cooperation from the rest of the Brothers.

Working conditions in Woonsocket are not so good at the present time.

Quite a few of our members are working out of town at present, with thanks going to Brother Thomas Kearney, business manager for Local 99 for putting a large number of our members to work in his jurisdiction.

Our President Kenneth Walsh is a very conscientious person, working hard every day for the betterment of

this local and seeing that each officer does his job. He was just appointed for a six-year term by the mayor of Woonsocket. A very hard job, Ken.

Our new contract is now in effect and as soon as enough copies are printed, they will be given out to all the members and interested persons for their own use.

In closing may I again stress this point of attending your local's meetings. To get your information, get it first-hand by attending the meetings of our local union.

EDWARD WYSPIANSKI, F. S.

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Introduction to N. J. Local 1035

L. U. 1035, NEWARK, N. J.—This is Local 1035's first appearance in the JOURNAL, and we therefore wish to extend our greetings to all members of the I.B.E.W. This is also my first assignment. I hope I won't prove to be a disappointment. You'll be hearing from us regularly from now on, in what I'll do my best to make an interesting column.

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 1035, granted us our charter on February 23, 1939. Our Charter Committee, at present, consists of

Michael Gardinier, president
Angelo Caldiero, vice president
Edmund Schott, secretary
Benjamin Brace, treasurer
Peter Wawczak, financial secretary

Executive Board:

Joseph Vellani
John Kunz
Harold Schmitt
George Hotz
William Hayes

The board consisting of the above members would like to express the thought that through cooperation of the International Office, we have made great strides in wages and hours, whereby our membership enjoys a good remunerative scale, consistent with the economic structure of the labor industry and the I.B.E.W.

Well I guess that just about covers the beat for this month.

FRANK MANTO, P. S.

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Officers Exchange Holiday Remembrances

L. U. 1073, AMBRIDGE, PA.—This might be late news, but did you know that our local union president, John Deyber, played Santa Claus for Christmas? He bought all the members of the Executive Board a necktie, and just so nobody gets any funny ideas, he paid for them out of his own pocket. And that was not all Brothers and Sisters, the Executive Board got their heads together and gave Brother Deyber a shirt and a tie on January 7th for Russian Christmas with an Ukrainian-printed Christmas card. He still does not know whose translation of the card to believe, as every one tells him a different story.

James Santilli, rubber mill department, was very proud to get together with his sister and hold a golden wedding anniversary party for his father and mother who have been married 50 years. Sam Santilli is a former rubber mill employee and union member. He has been on pension for the past eight years and is heading for his 78th birthday. His wife is 72. Congratulations to both of you!

Steve Lukachek, electrician, was elected assistant manager at the Ambridge Sokol Lodge for the year 1954.

Shy Namie, Social Fund third vice president, has another member added to the family. A boy was born at the Rochester hospital. They now have two boys and a girl. Congratulations!

George Capp works in the paymaster's office and brings us our pay check on pay days. We kid him many times that we will take all extra checks left over, but Brother Capp would settle for those pennies and nickles counted each month which are dropped in the Ambridge parking meters. Do you know that in the month of December those meters in Ambridge coughed up \$2,020.61. Not bad, eh?

JOHN GOZUR, P. S.

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Cites Jobs Diverted From Government Yards

L. U. 1383, BALTIMORE, MD.—Upon arriving home this p.m. I found my January 1954 issue of our *Electrical Workers Journal* on the table. Then

Wisconsin Local's Holiday Party



These scenes from Local 890's Christmas party in Janesville, Wisc., (above) attest to the fine success of the affair's arrangements committee members, seen below, left: Brothers Art Cullen; Harlowe Clarke; Henry Ringhardt, and Cecil Carroll. Below, right, Local President Henry Ringhardt (with glasses) presents retiring Financial Secretary William Kuhlow with a \$100 savings bond.



it dawned on me that it's time to send in a report of Local Union 1383 for the March issue. Sooooh, your Press Secretary Sears is reporting.

On the curtailed situation at Curtis Bay, Maryland, I am happy to announce that a more cheerful atmosphere prevails among the workers since starting work upon another group of 40-footers. A weather patrol or two is expected in very shortly.

Incidentally, while glancing through the January 1954 issue of our JOURNAL, on page 77, I note Joseph F. Krikawa, press secretary of Local Union 664, says, ". . . the announcement from the Navy Department of defense program expenditures that 173 of the 183 naval vessels scheduled for overhaul, repair and modernization between now and 1954 have been assigned to private shipbuilding yards leaving but 10 to go to Government yards . . ." The Brothers at the United States Coast Guard Yard and yours truly feel that the Navy Department is letting us down. By down we mean fathoms down. During the Second World War we received citation after citation for the wonderful work we accomplished at the Coast Guard Yard on ships of every description up to and including 2,000 tons. Perhaps the Eisenhower Administration does not know about the United States Coast Guard Yard at Curtis Bay, Maryland. Why doesn't the Commandant send an invitation to the White House to inspect our yard and perhaps we may be fortunate enough to succeed in getting at least one of the above-mentioned repair jobs.

The regular meeting was held with President George Burkhardt in the chair. We can report progress.

REUBEN SEARS, P. S.

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Donate Respirator For Polio Fight

L. U. 1461, WAUKEGAN, ILL.—On January 26, 1954 the members of Local 1461, Waukegan, Illinois presented to the Lake County Polio Chapter a Monaghan Portable Respirator for emergency use in polio cases.

We as members of the I.B.E.W. Local 1461 are very happy in this achievement on being able to donate this lung to the Polio Foundation.

The lung is to be at the Sheriff's office in Waukegan, Illinois for immediate transfer to any emergency respiratory case in the state or wherever needed. Enclosed you will find a picture of lung and also the officers of the Local, will you please print in the ELECTRICAL WORKERS JOURNAL.

FRANK H. TILLMAN, F. S.

Local 1035 Christmas Party



As seen in these informal views, the members of Local 1035, Newark, N. J., really enjoyed their annual Christmas party this year.



The Executive Board of Local 1035, left to right: (front row) Recording Secretary E. Shott; Vice President A. Caldiero; President Michael Gardiner, and Financial Secretary P. Wawczak. (Back row) Executive Board: W. Hayes, H. Schmidt, J. Vellani, and J. Kunz.

Local Proudly Cites 20-Year Member

L. U. 1480, SAINT JOHN, N. B.—The accompanying photo shows International Representative H. C. Tracy, presenting Brother Clifford A. Belyea a 20-year membership pin. Pictured in the foreground is the president of the local, A. J. J. Muller.

We of Local 1480 are very proud to have a member such as Clifford in our organization. His name has appeared on many of our successful working agreements as a bargaining representative. He also acts as area

representative between union and management. Since this picture was taken Brother Belyea has been elected president of the local for the next two years.

Brother Belyea joined the I.B.E.W. in 1932 under Local 605 Charter and has been an "A" member since that time.

The ELECTRICAL WORKERS' JOURNAL is read with much interest by us and we would appreciate it very much if you could give the above a spot in your "Local Lines." (Editor's Note: We welcome your letter, Brother. Send us more.)

W. F. McCARLIE, P. S.

Donate Portable Iron Lung



A portable lung for emergency use in polio cases was presented to the Lake County Polio Chapter by Local 1461, Waukegan, Ill. Shown demonstrating the lung in the Lake County Sheriff's office are, front row, left to right: Clement Diehn, president of the local; Mrs. Helen Crenshaw, campaign director; Ernest Jump, union treasurer; Raymond Watson, steward; Joan Rodbro, executive secretary of the polio chapter, and Sheriff Walter Atkinson. In the back row are, left to right: Thomas Creagh, sales manager of the Scully Walton Co., makers of the lung; Frank Tillman, union financial secretary; Joe Dragman, committee member; Gordon Fiddymont, recording secretary, and Maurice Benson, steward.

Members Answer Appeal for Blood

L. U. 1505, WALTHAM, NEWTON, QUINCY, BRIGHTON, ALLSTON, BEDFORD, BILLERICA, BOSTON, SOMERVILLE—Five members of the local answered an emergency appeal to supply blood for an ailing Brother in Local 103, I.B.E.W., A.F.L., in January.

Those who aided Charles Wallace, ill at Boston City Hospital, were Robert Lindahl, Jack Legere, John Carney, Bob McHugh and Bart Vanaria.

Notice of the appeal was received from Steve McCloskey, able secretary-treasurer of the Boston Central Labor Union to which Local 1505 belongs.

Larry Thompson was appointed a delegate to the Quincy Central Labor Union and represents Local 1505 in all its affairs.

The local was saddened by the sudden death of Leslie F. Ross, 45, who served as treasurer of the Local from 1946 to 1952 before becoming a member of Raytheon management.

Honorary pallbearers at the Ross rites were Consuelo Morgan, John J. Casey, Frank W. Hunter, James A. Johnson, Francis X. Moore, Joseph L. Lally, John T. Fitzgerald, Albert O. Nicolazzo, Andrew A. McGlinchey, John J. O'Toole and Evelyn J. Sabbag.

Active pallbearers were Walter J. Brown, Melvin D. Eddy, David J. Coady, Jr., John Lopez, Joseph Pevay and Arthur Rourke.

Funeral services also were attended by Mr. Coady, Mr. Hunter and Mr. Eddy for the late William C. Horne-man, former business manager for Local 103 who served as arbitrator on many cases for Local 1505 during its early years.

It has been noticed that the Local 1505 monthly meetings are becoming increasingly more popular. At a recent meeting the 30-minute film, "Youth Wants to Know," was shown to an appreciative audience. Working out of classification behind the projector was Al Nicolazzo, *Scope* photographer.

President Coady, acting as the local's legislative agent, made his presence known on many occasions at State House hearings when the subject of labor support or condemnation was expressed.

Anytime any members want definite proof that there is no sympathy in

industry for the laboring man, they have only to see how the mouthpieces act for the Chamber of Commerce, the National Association of Manufacturers and Massachusetts Associated Industries at these hearings.

The local, through the president, was placed on record as being in accord with the plan that workers should be paid four-hours' time for Election Day at the hearing on this bill. For the past four years this wide-awake local has sought to have Raytheon include this provision in its yearly agreement.

Another bill the local favored was the one to compel all employers, whether their workers were organized or not, to pay overtime for all over 40 hours per week, at the rate of time and one half.

The response to the fourth annual Louis B. Connors Memorial Scholarship examination has been very slow for this late in the year. Here is an opportunity for eligible high school seniors to be awarded \$500 toward their college education merely by expending an extra bit of energy—but too few make the effort.

JOSEPH R. VALLEY, P. S.

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Accidents, Sickness Befall Hanson Men

L. U. 1514, HANSON, MASS.—Although a month has passed since the Christmas party in Building "B" which we mentioned in our last letter, today we received some snapshots which we are enclosing. Mickey Filosi, who is really more attractive without the Santa Claus rig, and

20 Years with Local 1480



A 20-year pin presentation at Local 1480, Saint John, N. B. Those involved are identified in their accompanying letter.

Scenes from Waltham Local 1505



Time out for a breather during league bowling at Watertown is taken by these attractive members of Local 1505, Waltham, Mass.: Irene Beaucage, Peggy Tracy, Betty Gallinaro, and Ruth Balboni, at left. In right-hand picture is a quartet of high average bowlers of the fair sex, demonstrating winning smiles at the Watertown Bowldrome: Jane Wallace of Newton; Mary Badger of Waltham; Terry Conte of Newton, and Helen McGrath of Newton.



Joan Nicholson, a welder at Quincy 2 plant of Raytheon, threatens the cameraman with a sample of their recent snowfall.

"Pop" Pierce who is now out sick, and Josie Brenner giving Santa a welcome.

We are glad to have good reports from all those who have been sick or injured. Jim Shay, absent for several weeks with an injured arm has returned to work as custodian of the office. Aime St. Amand who lost the end of his finger while at work in the Fluorescent Press Room has returned to work. Bert Bickford has recovered from an injured shoulder. How come Bert? Was it a soft shoulder?

Harold Churchill is again at work after an absence during which he received treatment at the Veterans Hospital at Jamaica Plain.

And Mickey Alpert is back to work again after a miraculous recovery from becoming a grandma. We are glad to see them back. We hear that Charles Raby is convalescing at home after an appendix operation.

Thurman Hammond has been ill for some time and we hear that he is on the convalescent list, and now his daughter Frannie, who was one of our girls to go to work at the Hanson Enameling plant is very ill.



Les Ross' familiar smile will be sadly missed due to his sudden death in January. He was the first treasurer of Local 1505 and served until 1952 when he entered Raytheon management.

Who has heard of Cookie lately? We all remember how capably he handled the racks when he was floor man here, and we hope he is improving in health.

The Conveyer System is a great improvement over the former way we had of moving the reflectors.

Business is very good and new help has been hired in all departments. The casting room has been moved from Building "B" to the basement in "A" Building. This arrangement is causing a good many gripes which will eventually be ironed out.

Are we all sending cards to our servicemen? Especially to those in far away Korea! All are doing us a service, where ever they are and a card may show them our appreciation.

And now two months of our New Year has gone into the land of no return. Has it made us happier, gladder, richer or poorer? We cannot count our gains or losses at once. We have to wait until we have sifted the chaff and found the grain, and sometimes this is the task of a lifetime. But we must keep trying. The footprints we make along life's high-



Due to be married in June is Ruth Tippett of Randolph who joined Local 1505 in September. She is now an inspector at the Brockton plant.

way look mighty important in the melting snow, but tomorrow they will be gone into the brown earth. But there is a record of them somewhere, and the One who keeps the records knows if they were profitable or worthless.

So long all you nice people.

VERDA M. LANE, P. S.

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Dedicate New Home For Local 1579

L. U. 1579, AUGUSTA, GEORGIA—On December 19, 1953 the long cherished dreams and ambitions of the members of Local 1579 became a reality. I believe this day will stand out in our memories as one of the most important days in our lives, if not the most important, because on this day we dedicated the most beautiful and modern structure in the city of Augusta, Georgia which will be our permanent home.

This beautiful home was made possible through the cooperation and hard work of the officers and members of this local union—the same kind

Massachusetts Christmas Fete



Santa Claus (Mickey Filosi) is welcomed to Local 1514's Christmas party in Hanson, Mass., by Josie Brennan, left, and by Bob Pierce.



of cooperation and hard work that has caused the I. B. E. W. to grow from a small organization to one of the largest and most progressive labor organizations in the labor movement today.

Local Union 1579 was chartered February 10, 1948 with an approximate membership of 36. In spite of unfavorable economical conditions the

local grew and prospered through 1948 and 1949. The fine relations we had been able to build with our contractors are alone responsible for our prosperity through these two years of recession.

In 1950 the Savannah River Project hit us like a bomb shell. Fortunately by this time we had enough experience in the labor-management

field to handle the situation, and have been able to do so with the invaluable assistance of President Tracy and Vice President Barker's officers when needed. At this writing it is our aim and desire to have this jurisdiction well enough organized when the Savannah River Project tapers off to employ most of the 1,200 members we now have. This can be accomplished through the continued cooperation of our members and sound collective bargaining with our employers.

Getting back to our dedication services and entertainment I will relate the activities of this day long affair. First of all I would like to state, we regret very much that everyone invited could not attend. However, there were enough in attendance to fill the large auditorium to capacity.

Governor Herman Talmadge, who was scheduled to deliver the principal address was unable to attend, but telegraphed his congratulations. The affair began at 1:00 p.m. with a luncheon in the Terrace Room at the Bon Air Hotel, for the charter members, International officers, and guests. Ray Brand's Trio supplied dinner music during the afternoon luncheon.

R. K. Mason, project manager of the Savannah River Project spoke



(Answers on Page 79)

A PERSON can be identified in many ways. Sometimes a nickname, a pen name, an outstanding physical characteristic, a habit, a song or a saying becomes so closely associated with a person that to mention one is to name the other.

The quiz this month should be easy, so in counting four points for each correct answer rate yourself Superior for over 92 and Good for 84 or above.

See if the following identify anyone you know who is or has been in the public eye.

1. The *Missouri Waltz* always brings to mind _____.
2. A putter or a mashie within the last year has come to remind us of _____.
3. _____ always used a cigarette holder when smoking.
4. The man with the cigar is _____.
5. He said, "I shall return," and did. _____.

At mention of the following physical features certain persons immediately are pictured.

6. Large ears _____
7. "Banjo" eyes _____
8. Large nose _____
9. Bushy eyebrows _____
10. Huge mustache _____

Fill in the name of the famous person asked for in the questions below.

11. Who is known for the distinctive hats she wears? _____
12. Who was "the great profile?" _____
13. Who is worth his weight in diamonds once a year? _____
14. Who plays a fiddle and is "only 39?" _____
15. Who literally "calls everybody darling?" _____

Below we have mixed nicknames, pen names and sobriquets. See if you can unscramble them by matching each with the proper person's name.

16. The Big Train	Abraham Lincoln
17. O. Henry	Washington Irving
18. The American Socrates	Ty Cobb
19. Mark Twain	Joe Di Maggio
20. Boz	Benjamin Franklin
21. The Yankee Clipper	William Sydney Porter
22. The Georgia Peach	Harold (Red) Grange
23. Jonathan Oldstyle	Walter Johnson
24. The Great Emancipator	Charles Dickens
25. The Galloping Ghost	Samuel L. Clemens



Above: The handsome new home and headquarters of Local 1579, Augusta, Ga.

New Home for Local 1579

Below: At the luncheon marking the official opening. Seated, from left: Rev. Robert Strong; Vice President Barker; Business Manager and Mrs. Solomon. Standing: James Dandekar, president of Miller Electric; C. Crosby Fortune, local president; Randall Evans, attorney, and R. K. Mason, project manager, Savannah River Project.



Below: Charles A. Britten, representative of the Bureau of Apprenticeship in Washington, presents completion certificate to B. L. Meyers.



Above: Vice President Barker cuts ribbon across building's entrance as Rev. Strong and Business Manager Solomon look on.



Above: Motorcade from luncheon at Ben Air Hotel to building's dedication.



Above: Paul Whiteman's "Dixiecats" from New Orleans entertained.

Below: Members, wives and friends enjoy dancing at housewarming.



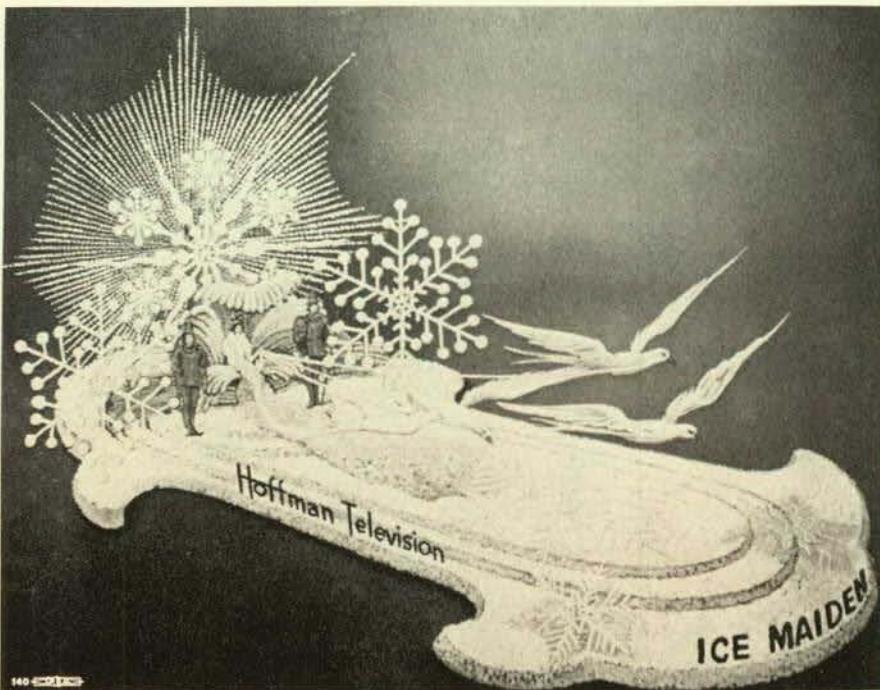
Below: Vice President Barker addresses audience at dedication of Local 1579 building.



Below: Acrobatic dancer performing in floor show during intermission time.



Local 1710 and Winning Float



Product of the work of dozens of members of Local 1710, Los Angeles, Calif., the "Ice Maiden," Hoffman Television's float is shown sketched here as it appeared ready to start in the world famed New Year's Day parade in Pasadena, California. Winner of first place in its class, the "Ice Maiden" attracted more attention than any other entry in the commercial division. More than 350,000 flowers, including 15,000 white and purple orchids, and 10,000 long stemmed white roses were woven into the delicate snowflake patterns, which appeared so fragile that they were almost expected to melt as the sun climbed higher. The two knights guarding the float queen, Barbara Coats, Miss Television of 1954, were members of Local 1710, and were selected from employes of all the Hoffman plants after a spirited contest. Seen below are Joe Engelhart, left, Tom Backs, right, who in knight's attire guarded the "Ice Maiden" against whatever it was that knights guarded their maidens against in Ye Olden Days, the period of the story from which the float took its theme. Joe works in the test department at Plant Five and Tom is a model maker over at Plant One. Yes, yes, we know you are interested in that morsel in the center declaring the winners. Well, all we'll tell you is that she's Darlene Swetland, and she works for Hoffman.



briefly at the luncheon, congratulating the local and expressing hope that its members would continue in prosperity and progress.

Wilmer D. Lanier, attorney for the local, C. C. Fortune, president of the local, and business manager Solomon also made short talks.

The party then proceeded in caravan style with motorcycled police escorts to the building, a distance of some three miles through the heart of the city. Upon arrival the party assembled in front of the building. The invocation was said by Reverend Strong. Vice President Barker cut the ribbon and the party then assembled in the auditorium. President Fortune was master of ceremonies. Reverend Strong again led us in prayer. Business Manager Solomon addressed the gathering, expressing the profound feeling of gratefulness felt by himself and the entire membership for their wonderful achievement, stressing the point that good labor-management relations played an important part in the accomplishment.

Vice President Barker made a wonderful talk, also emphasizing the importance of labor-management relations. He gave a brief history of the Brotherhood and the tremendous amount of success it has experienced, complimenting the local union on its success. He also brought out the importance of taking an active hand in politics if we are to maintain the progress we have made.

Randall Evans, attorney, spoke as a staunch friend of labor, congratulating the officers and members of the Local for making possible "such an enduring monument to the cause of Labor." After tracing briefly the history of the world labor movement, Mr. Evans compared the lot of the working man today with that of the laborer in this country 50 years ago.

Mr. James Dandelake made an enlightening talk congratulating the local on its success and thanking them for the wonderful cooperation he has received as electrical contractor on the Savannah River Project and other jobs in the jurisdiction of the local union.

Judge F. Frederick Kennedy, Superior Court, expressed his appreciation for the invitation and stated if he were not a friend of organized labor he certainly would not have been present.

W. W. Holley, business manager of the Carpenters' Local Union 283 of Augusta and State Representative from Richmond County extended his congratulations and elaborated on the progress this I. B. E. W. local has achieved in a few short years.

Mr. Charles A. Britton, representative of Apprentice Training from Washington, D. C., spoke on the importance of apprentice training to industry and the union as well. The

dedication ceremonies closed with the presentation of apprentice certificates of completion by Mr. Britton, being assisted by Vice President Barker and Business Manager Solomon. The following apprentices received certificates:

H. M. Cromer, J. O. Blackstone, Sr., D. L. Vidette, J. E. Lott, D. K. Houchins, C. M. Kimberly, P. J. Smith, T. S. Leaphart, H. C. Whatley, F. G. Kelly, W. J. Knitgt, W. G. Patrick, J. G. Dennis, A. S. Short, Jr., G. O. Poole, H. F. Starling, G. A. Hill, C. L. Achord, R. L. Safley, W. T. Herrington, R. E. Bailey, H. L. Jones, F. Basiura, D. L. Evans, H. H. Hall, C. L. McCormack, B. L. Meyers, H. B. Arnold, C. W. Bath, B. G. Purcell, D. C. Reaves, J. W. Highsmith, L. T. Lamb, S. N. Hay, W. J. Cochran, J. C. Hardy, and L. B. Cate.

Open House was held between the hours of four and six p. m. All I. B. E. W. members and their guests enjoyed a dance in the auditorium from eight until twelve p. m., including two good floor shows. Music was furnished for the dance by Paul Whiteman's "Dixie Cats from New Orleans." The talk is still going around of the good time that was had by all. Any time you are passing through Augusta we insist that you stop long enough to look the building over if you don't desire to go to work. Best wishes for a better I. B. E. W.

GUY T. SOLOMON, B. M.

Death Claims for January, 1954

L. U.	Name	Amount	L. U.	Name	Amount
L. O. (1)	E. T. Morgan	\$ 150.00	48	E. E. Erickson	1,000.00
L. O. (2)	S. A. Whittington	1,000.00	51	J. C. Livermore	1,000.00
L. O. (3)	E. Schonborn	1,000.00	52	E. C. Pfeider	1,000.00
L. O. (3)	S. Goldner	1,000.00	77	E. R. Stout	300.00
L. O. (3)	W. H. Hughes	1,000.00	77	G. Penzely	1,000.00
L. O. (3)	H. Gurian	1,000.00	86	W. H. Turner	300.00
L. O. (3)	J. A. Driscoll	1,000.00	87	W. H. McArton	300.00
L. O. (5)	A. J. Schauer	1,000.00	98	W. D. Green	1,000.00
L. O. (9)	T. McKenna	1,000.00	98	A. Handier	1,000.00
L. O. (9)	H. Perry	1,000.00	107	H. A. Wiley	1,000.00
L. O. (11)	P. E. Paige	1,000.00	110	H. F. Benson	1,000.00
L. O. (11)	R. Beitscher	1,000.00	120	A. J. Clairmont	475.00
L. O. (11)	O. C. Bush	1,000.00	130	J. A. Barrett	1,000.00
L. O. (18)	J. B. Rost	1,000.00	134	H. G. Gaberdiel	1,000.00
L. O. (18)	C. L. Love	1,000.00	134	D. Heins	1,000.00
L. O. (28)	J. G. Partree	1,000.00	134	H. C. Kessler	1,000.00
L. O. (38)	S. Stevick	1,000.00	134	E. J. Ryan	1,000.00
L. O. (52)	H. B. Sutton	1,000.00	134	D. P. Collins	1,000.00
L. O. (60)	W. A. White	1,000.00	134	G. E. Johnston	1,000.00
L. O. (77)	P. G. Croft	1,000.00	136	R. A. Kirkpatrick	1,000.00
L. O. (77)	E. L. Hadden	1,000.00	145	W. J. Tracy	1,000.00
L. O. (103)	E. T. Wetherbee	1,000.00	158	W. J. Herzog	1,000.00
L. O. (110)	R. R. Roth	1,000.00	196	R. E. Crockett	1,000.00
L. O. (122)	H. W. Prince	1,000.00	202	W. T. Walsh	1,000.00
L. O. (130)	E. J. Berberich	1,000.00	205	C. L. Johnston	300.00
L. O. (134)	A. G. Andrews	1,000.00	214	R. J. Kuhn	300.00
L. O. (134)	A. R. Woods	1,000.00	263	H. J. Amos	1,000.00
L. O. (160)	S. L. Orton	1,000.00	283	V. E. Penton	1,000.00
L. O. (195)	G. Gottfried	1,000.00	292	L. R. Sather	1,000.00
L. O. (212)	R. C. Lively	1,000.00	302	L. M. Todd	1,000.00
L. O. (230)	E. Eastham	1,000.00	302	W. F. Jones	475.00
L. O. (248)	J. J. Meads	1,000.00	304	H. Bassett	1,000.00
L. O. (326)	S. J. Salem	1,000.00	309	G. E. Niles	1,000.00
L. O. (340)	L. Taylor	1,000.00	312	J. T. Revelle	1,000.00
L. O. (349)	C. Zimmer	1,000.00	333	P. E. Moers	1,000.00
L. O. (421)	E. Hamel	1,000.00	339	G. Almgren	1,000.00
L. O. (451)	C. E. Rees	1,000.00	324	J. T. Revelle	1,000.00
L. O. (499)	R. K. Lowe	1,000.00	347	C. A. Hetherington	1,000.00
L. O. (561)	C. Singer	1,000.00	348	J. D. Jacobs	1,000.00
L. O. (562)	L. H. Simmons	1,000.00	349	J. S. Bulton	1,000.00
L. O. (568)	L. A. Vallieres	1,000.00	369	S. Jones	1,000.00
L. O. (569)	E. P. Kilcoyne	1,000.00	367	O. W. Kindell	1,000.00
L. O. (595)	F. L. Knudsen	1,000.00	412	E. C. Smith	825.00
L. O. (648)	C. E. Symmes	1,000.00	420	F. L. Judson	1,000.00
L. O. (659)	J. S. Boyd	1,000.00	427	J. L. McElroy	1,000.00
L. O. (756)	C. K. Barnhart	1,000.00	431	A. C. Green	1,000.00
L. O. (946)	J. B. Wise	1,000.00	433	C. D. Danforth	1,000.00
L. O. (949)	J. Smith	1,000.00	494	D. J. Fandre	475.00
L. O. (1710)	C. W. Owens	150.00	494	A. F. Templeman	1,000.00
1	J. F. Walsh	1,000.00	505	C. L. Baldwin	300.00
2	W. Murphy	150.00	551	A. Davis	1,000.00
2	P. R. Kauffman	1,000.00	570	J. H. Bringman	1,000.00
3	S. Vinciguerra	150.00	595	W. M. Downard	1,000.00
3	C. Levy	1,000.00	617	W. H. Weisheimer	150.00
3	G. Schmesser	1,000.00	633	W. J. Wilson	475.00
3	J. M. Harper	1,000.00	640	C. M. Huskison	1,000.00
3	J. A. Long	1,000.00	659	B. H. Smith	1,000.00
3	W. H. Noller	1,000.00	663	H. W. Zuehlke	1,000.00
3	R. J. Crowley	1,000.00	684	H. G. Falk	1,000.00
3	J. Pansaro	1,000.00	782	S. S. Williams	1,000.00
3	N. Drobashy	1,000.00	706	E. A. Chapin	1,000.00
3	E. C. Berk	1,000.00	715	R. R. DeHart	1,000.00
3	M. Cohen	1,000.00	723	H. M. Current	1,000.00
5	H. G. Slattery	1,000.00	723	H. C. Schroeder	1,000.00
6	A. G. Nelson	1,000.00	724	E. V. Dubray	1,000.00
6	H. C. Vollers	1,000.00	734	J. F. Phipps	1,000.00
6	W. J. Morelli	1,000.00	762	M. E. McCaullife	1,000.00
6	H. M. Dras	1,000.00	764	J. W. Berry	1,000.00
9	D. N. Meany	1,000.00	770	K. L. Muller	1,000.00
9	J. A. Ryan	1,000.00	809	H. L. Gartz	1,000.00
9	F. J. Matt	1,000.00	816	T. E. Bennett	1,000.00
9	J. H. Weber	1,000.00	816	A. P. Harmon	1,000.00
11	W. R. Turner	1,000.00	902	J. J. Golden	475.00
11	R. V. Rousseve	1,000.00	909	F. Martin	1,000.00
11	A. E. Marcum	1,000.00	934	W. P. Whitaker	1,000.00
11	L. J. Santord	1,000.00	949	W. R. Decker	1,000.00
16	E. J. Connerius	1,000.00	953	L. Thompson	1,000.00
18	L. E. Senay	1,000.00	963	T. J. Limmer	1,000.00
18	F. E. Green	1,000.00	147	T. Lowry	1,000.00
18	D. D. Tippitt	825.00	180	J. H. Medlyn	1,000.00
23	T. J. LeMay	1,000.00	220	P. A. Dehaan	1,000.00
31	J. Maruska	1,000.00	339	E. J. Ahrandt	1,000.00
31	E. A. Royer	1,000.00	369	C. Streit	1,000.00
32	R. J. Heinrich	1,000.00	385	J. C. Parks	1,000.00
39	W. E. Ratliff	475.00	451	R. U. Stuart	825.00
41	V. Malmowski	1,000.00	548	H. L. Trimmer	1,000.00
46	G. Burt	1,000.00	579	M. J. Bowers	1,000.00
46	W. L. Eby	1,000.00	631	G. R. Reisen	1,000.00
48	L. A. Puzey	150.00	826	R. H. Thompson	1,000.00
48	H. H. Hunter	1,000.00	Total		\$167,025.00

Answers to Quiz

1. Harry S. Truman
2. President Eisenhower
3. Franklin D. Roosevelt
4. Winston Churchill
5. Douglas MacArthur
6. Clark Gable
7. Eddie Cantor
8. Jimmy Durante
9. John L. Lewis
10. Jerry Colonna
11. Hedda Hopper
12. John Barrymore
13. The Aga Kahn
14. Jack Benny
15. Tallulah Bankhead
16. Walter Johnson
17. William Sydney Porter
18. Benjamin Franklin
19. Samuel Langhorne Clemens
20. Charles Dickens
21. Joe Di Maggio
22. Ty Cobb
23. Washington Irving
24. Abraham Lincoln
25. Harold (Red) Grange

IN MEMORIAM

Prayer for Our Deceased Members

Dear Lord, as we look around us today, we see many signs of spring on this beautiful earth which Thou created for men to enjoy. Encouraged by this spirit of resurrection, we come to Thee in our sorrow, Lord, and we ask Thy mercy and Thy help. Thou hast called many of our members in this past month. Deal gently with them, Father, and welcome them home.

Comfort their loved ones, dear God, their families, and those near and dear to them who are crushed by their bitter loss. Whisper to them, Father, about the miracle of resurrection, so that they shall forget sorrow and despair and know only consolation and hope.

Then help us too, Lord, we pray to Thee. Send us Thy help and Thy strength. We want to love Thee and walk in Thy way, but we are weak and life holds many temptations. Make us strong with Thy strength O God, and fill us with Thy kindness and love, so that we shall lead good lives, lives that lead to resurrection and peace and Thee, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Ernie J. Conerious, L. U. No. 16
*Born January 7, 1902
 Initiated April 5, 1920
 Died December 25, 1953*

Francis E. Green, L. U. No. 18
*Born May 24, 1899
 Initiated November 1, 1943
 Died January 2, 1954*

Harry Hynd, L. U. No. 18
*Born May 26, 1896
 Reinitiated December 5, 1946
 Died December 9, 1953*

J. P. McCarthy, L. U. No. 18
*Born May 8, 1899
 Initiated March 3, 1942
 Died December 22, 1953*

L. E. Senor, L. U. No. 18
*Born December 29, 1900
 Initiated August 19, 1937
 Died December 26, 1953*

David D. Tippitt, L. U. No. 18
*Born September 20, 1905
 Reinitiated April 1, 1949
 Died January 10, 1954*

Karl W. Zahniser, L. U. No. 18
*Born January 17, 1906
 Initiated July 15, 1939
 Died January 3, 1954*

Albert C. Kries, L. U. No. 28
*Born August 3, 1873
 Initiated July 5, 1906
 Died January 22, 1954*

John Maruska, L. U. No. 31
*Born July 16, 1890
 Initiated September 26, 1933
 Died December 22, 1953*

Edward A. Royer, L. U. No. 31
*Born December 10, 1898
 Reinitiated March 15, 1935
 Died January 8, 1954*

Robert J. Heinrich, L. U. No. 32
*Born February 24, 1927
 Reinitiated October 31, 1947
 Died January 7, 1954*

Jack Blatchley, L. U. No. 40
*Born September 10, 1901
 Reinitiated October 1, 1947
 Died January 22, 1954*

J. L. Cuppett, L. U. No. 40
*Born June 23, 1884
 Initiated August 25, 1917
 Died January 12, 1954*

C. F. Eisiminger, L. U. No. 40
*Born August 13, 1886
 Initiated October 25, 1935
 Died September 17, 1953*

George S. Keller, L. U. No. 40
*Born September 26, 1895
 Initiated July 31, 1947
 Died August 9, 1953*

Harold Steadman, L. U. No. 40
*Born March 9, 1893
 Initiated May 29, 1936
 Died June 15, 1953*

William Holmes, L. U. No. 41
*Born 1882
 Initiated April 27, 1908
 Died January 17, 1954*

Valentine Malinowski, Sr., L. U. No. 41
*Born July 9, 1899
 Initiated August 27, 1918
 Died January 16, 1954*

William E. Mary, L. U. No. 41
*Born May 31, 1879
 Initiated April 13, 1905
 Died January 22, 1954*

Stratton Williams, L. U. No. 51
*Born October 4, 1888
 Initiated January 24, 1940
 Died January 12, 1954*

Don McKibben, L. U. No. 84
*Born October 18, 1905
 Initiated November 4, 1926
 Died October 26, 1953*

Horace Wiley, L. U. No. 107
*Born January 7, 1899
 Initiated December 24, 1940
 Died January 2, 1954*

Harold Frank Benson, L. U. No. 110
*Born April 22, 1899
 Initiated June 10, 1947
 Died December 10, 1953*

Robert R. Roth, L. U. No. 110
*Born December 5, 1879
 Initiated March 15, 1926
 Died January 6, 1954*

Rudolph J. Cassun, L. U. No. 122
*Born January 18, 1906
 Reinitiated September 19, 1933
 Died December 23, 1953*

Guy Niles, L. U. No. 309
*Born August 24, 1899
 Initiated February 5, 1941
 Died December 31, 1953*

Lewis C. McCarn, L. U. No. 333
*Born August 22, 1902
 Initiated January 7, 1949
 Died December 20, 1953*

Joseph F. Rulon, L. U. No. 349
*Born October 12, 1894
 Reinitiated September 14, 1926
 in L. U. No. 98
 Died December 29, 1953*

Bennett M. Anderson, Sr., L. U. No. 474
*Born March 25, 1892
 Initiated June 15, 1945
 Died January, 1954*

Charles Jacoby, L. U. No. 607
*Born March 4, 1910
 Initiated October 22, 1952
 Died October 19, 1953*

Garfield C. Dawson, L. U. No. 634
*Born February 10, 1889
 Initiated December 6, 1945
 in L. U. No. 66
 Died September 9, 1953*

J. E. Haver, L. U. No. 1245
*Born January 19, 1891
 Initiated June 1, 1942
 Died December 7, 1953*

George E. Knox, L. U. No. 1245
*Born March 5, 1911
 Initiated September 1, 1953
 Died December, 1953*

J. H. Nattress, L. U. No. 1245
*Born 1888
 Initiated May 1, 1952
 Died December 30, 1953*

Walter A. Wood, L. U. No. 1369
*Born May 21, 1890
 Initiated January 5, 1949
 Died December 31, 1953*

John Stewart, L. U. No. 1439
*Born August 5, 1899
 Initiated February 28, 1946
 Died December, 1953*

John L. Trotter, Sr., L. U. No. 1439
*Born March 3, 1907
 Initiated February 9, 1946
 Died December 26, 1953*

John Simpson, L. U. No. 1461
*Born 1890
 Initiated June 14, 1946
 Died January 3, 1954*

Harley L. Cross, L. U. No. 1505
*Born January 17, 1892
 Initiated September 13, 1949
 Died January 13, 1954*

Francesco Tomao, L. U. No. 1505
*Born December 3, 1889
 Initiated May 1, 1946
 Died January 19, 1954*

Gertrude Whitney, L. U. No. 1505
*Born May 9, 1921
 Initiated February 28, 1951
 Died December 24, 1953*

Rosario Barraza, L. U. No. 1710
*Born June 20, 1923
 Initiated September 29, 1950
 Died January 20, 1954*

John Pillow, L. U. No. 1857
*Born July 11, 1919
 Initiated September 11, 1953
 Died January 22, 1954*

OUR GOAL

(A Wage Negotiating Committee's Statement to Employers)

We want no elaborately-furnished yachts, To cruise, at our leisure, here and there; No additional servants for our palatial homes; Nor private planes to soar through the air!

We covet no envir, in swanky spots, And seek no minks nor sables for our wives; We crave no luxuries, nor expensive jewels, A moderate income will fit into our lives!

The cost of our skill must keep in pace With the rising prices that are taking place!

A Bit of Luck.

ABE GLICK,
L. U. 3,
New York, N. Y.

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A PROPHECY OF H BOMBS

Far, far away an old man trod, Down a lonely road a cane did prod, Amid heaps of rubble and piles of stones, Where an awful war had ceased its drones, Here the silence was awful; not a bird made a note, Till the old man spoke these words we here quote, Here when the sword of Tubal Cain, Fires of wrath did his forge unchain, Then the four horsemen rode sword unsheathed, They were war and famine, plague and death, Where the dove of peace once sang o'er-head, Now lie the cities of the dead, There side by side in a common grave, Lie coward and weakling or hero brave, Now, no more shall any man hide, If footfalls sound on the countryside, Like a fox from a hole he can now uncover, And will rush to embrace any human his brother, From a meager fare his fast to break, In a cave or hovel a bed to make, Here malice or hate can never exist, Then a new world arise from the old world's mist.

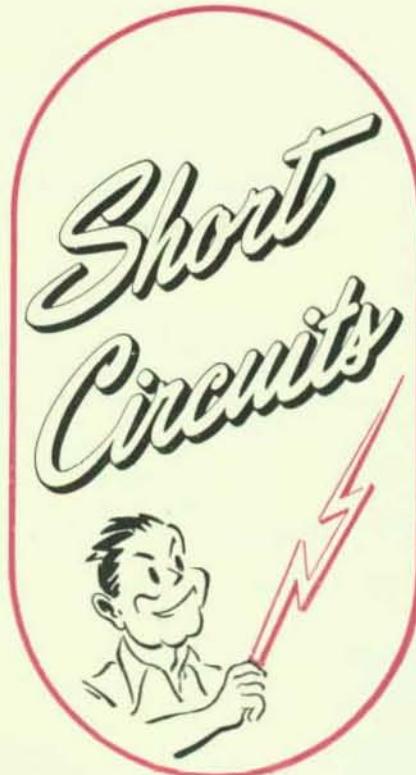
JOHN J. CASHON,
L. U. 1353,
Louisville, Ky.

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THE GIFT

I have given thee the crests of snow-capped mountains, The silvered beauty of the mirrored lake, The rainbow hues of many tranquil sunsets; The scent of spruce and pine for you to take, I caused the glory of the red poinsettia, The bubbling crystal of a mountain spring, And stretched the sky above, a cobalt blanket, But have ye set your heart upon these things?

D. A. HOOVER,
L. U. 1306,
Decatur, Ill.



LINES FROM OFFSHORE

It seems of guns we tote our share from childhood until chilled— We're either chilling distant folks or by them getting drilled, Our cow-hand cousins nightly ride with guns of rare precision; Their clattering din molests my kin 'round the television.

Ye villain blasts yon stagecoach, with loot he parts in haste; A wild-eyed sheriff rounds the road to sell you some toothpaste, While scooting down the western pike— hot posse in pursuit, A chap with flannel tongue appears to advertise a suit,

For gentle music we are keen; we dial off lethal guns; A prima donna boards my screen to stop your nylon runs.

Small wonder harassed men leave home to haunt the village inns; At least cool, sparkling wine blots out the barman's ghoulish grins.

A gent comes on to talk defense—yet, who's attacking who? Could it be the 5-cent press contrives this bugaboo? He urges further billions on radar nets offshore To thwart some flying demon from his sabotaging chore,

Colossal sums he'd set aside for planned, detailed destruction. While neighbors dwell in wanton slums with no funds for construction, Provide our young a chance to build, get married and live thrifty; Lead their elders out to graze when they come five and fifty,

Peace be with you, brother, for peace is in the mind—

Greet me with a kindly smile—I'll trade you one in kind, But don't pack pistols in your pants when here you'd strut anew, From shells I would remain immune to quaff my evening brew.

The Swiss dwell high upon their tree-clad Alps; No William Tell shoots apples from their peaceful scalps. The plowman yodels down the field—his offspring romp the hills, A genteel spouse plants tulip seeds beneath rose-covered sills.

Thus peace shall reign throughout this earth, As peace reigns in the Alps; When we stop shooting apples from One another's scalps.

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THAT'S ALL

That's all— They can call me a loafer, panhandler and such, Accuse me of dreamin' or treating them rough, But to accuse me of playing to favorites too much Boy—THAT'S ALL.

That's all— They can say I'm not hustlin' or that I don't try, Accuse me of rustling' or say that I cry, But when they accuse me of "cuttin' a pie" Boy—THAT'S ALL.

That's all— I don't mind their beeflin'; I take it with ease, Nor their yackin' about how I do as I please, But when they say I want to be the whole cheese Boy—THAT'S ALL.

That's all— Life as a B.A. is bed full of woes, And it don't smell of roses wherever he goes, But not to be trusted by some so-and-so's Boy—THAT'S ALL.

That's all... It won't be long now 'till I reach sixty-five, I'll quit then, believe me, if I still am alive, Then please let me live normal, from this office deprived Boy—THAT'S ALL.

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I CANNOT GO

Is there a man on this great earth Who knows how much his soul is worth Whose heart is free when time to go With mind at rest—and rightly so Whose thoughts are true and faithful too Who sees himself as others do Who has never caused his loved ones pain By selfishness for his own gain? If there is such a man—then let me know Before—my God—I cannot go.

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...TEST IT!**

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